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15 involved Police probe rape

THE gang-rape of a 14-year-old girl in the Hawalli area is being investigated by Kuwait's public prosecution, according to security sources.

Initial reports indicate that the girl, an intermediate school student, whose name and other particulars have not been disclosed, had been reported to security authorities as missing for two days by her father. The girl, however, turned up home and told her parents that two youths had taken her to an apartment and raped her in the Salmiya area.

The two youths were brought in for questioning, confessed and guided police to two other youths said to have also been implicated. Additionally, the girl informed police about the names of other youths and their areas of residence who she claimed also raped her.

In all 15 youths have been accused of the crime and are presently being investigated, security sources said.

Desai loses

BOMBAY, Oct 7, (Reuters): Former Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai, 94 years old and in poor health, will fight on to clear his name of charges that he spied for the United States, his son said today.

Kanti Desai said fresh legal action would be taken next week. A Chicago jury ruled yesterday in favour of author Seymour Hersh in a \$100-million libel case.

Desai was unable to come to the telephone to comment, and his son said lawyers would either petition for a fresh trial or appeal to a higher court.

Hersh alleged in his 1983 book "The Price of Power" that Desai was paid \$20,000 a year in the 1960s to betray Indian secrets to the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"My father has already said this is all lies," Kanti Desai said. The former prime minister rarely appears in public and was too frail to travel from his Bombay home to Chicago to give evidence in the case.

Kanti Desai said the verdict angered Chicago's Indian community, which paid for the libel action.

Hersh, a Pulitzer prizewinning author, said the verdict showed that "a reporter can on confidential sources to say even a former prime minister is an asset of the CIA, and get sued and win."

Pope visits South Korea

SEOUL, Oct 7, (AP): Pope John Paul II opened an Asian pilgrimage today by calling for an end to the bitter ideological struggle between North Korea and South Korea.

About 1,000 dissidents and radical students staged an anti-government rally at Sogang University in western Seoul to urge the Pope to speak out on human rights abuses in South Korea.

An equal number of riot police surrounded the campus, but made no move to halt the protest. The protesters dispersed peacefully after demanding the release of jailed dissidents, including South Korean clergyman charged with visiting North Korea for unification talks.

Iraqi finance minister fired

BAGHDAD, Oct 7, (Reuters): Iraqi Finance Minister Hikmat Omar Mukheillif was dismissed today by President Saddam Hussein.

A presidential decree read over Baghdad Television gave no reasons.

A decree also said that acting Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Abdullah Bader Dawsouk, in office for only seven months, had lost his job.



Bette Davis

Hundreds chant 'freedom'

EAST BERLIN, Oct 7, (Reuters): Hundreds of young East Germans chanting "Gorby, Gorby" and "freedom, freedom," marched through East Berlin today to a hall where Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was due to attend a reception.

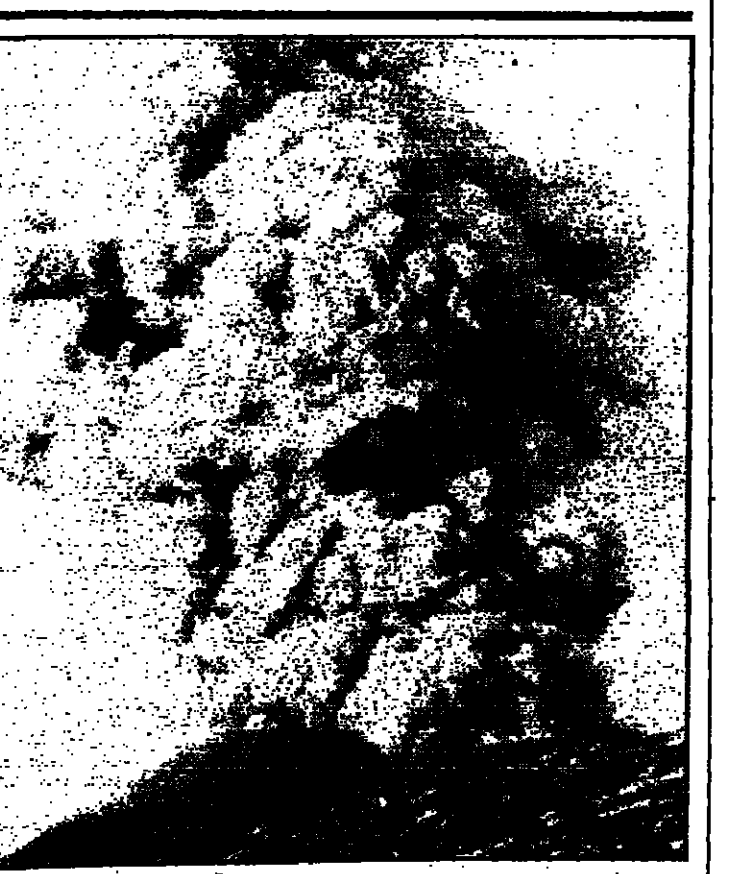
Police sealed off the front of the palace of the republic, where lights were burning for the reception marking the end of his visit for East Germany's 40th anniversary.

The protesters also called out "new forum," the name of an independent reform group, and "coops out" and "Stasi (secret police) out."

East Germany has been hit in recent weeks by the exodus of over 45,000 people to the West and rising dissent at home.

The headline communist state has deployed police and plain clothes Stasi secret police in strength to thwart protests.

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Etna spewing

Mount Etna volcano spewing smoke with ash and black dust covering its slopes early yesterday. Etna, Europe's tallest and most active volcano, has been erupting since September 11. (Reuters wirephoto)

Thailand won't repatriate Burmese hijackers

BANGKOK, Oct 7, (AP): Thailand will not repatriate two Burmese students who hijacked a Burmese airliner while demanding the return of democracy to their homeland, a senior Thai official said today.

Deputy Prime Minister Tienchai Sirisunpan, who persuaded the hijackers to surrender peacefully, told a news conference that the students are in the custody of the Thai navy and that officials are considering how to deal with them.

"We will not hurt them. They will not be sent back to Burma," Tienchai said. "The Burmese government also does not want them back. So far they have not asked for asylum in any country."

The two students seized a Fokker 28 aircraft and 83 hostages during a domestic flight in Burma yesterday afternoon. They ordered the crew to fly to Thailand, where the Turbojet landed at an air force base in Uthapao, southeast of Bangkok.

They threatened to blow up the plane, but released their hostages and gave themselves up after about 10 hours of negotiations with Thai and Burmese officials and the reading of a statement to the news media.

Official radio Rangoon said the aircraft returned to Rangoon today with its 79 passengers and four crew members.

Tienchai identified the hijackers as Ye Tin, 21, a high school student, and Ye Thi Ha, a 25-year-old Rangoon University engineering student.

Tienchai said a remote-controlled explosive device was found on the plane.

After landing, the hijackers reportedly handed Thai authorities a list of seven demands, which included the release of top opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, an end to the curfew imposed by the military government and restoration of democracy in Burma.

Keep religion out of politics: Hussein

AMMAN, Oct 7, (Reuters): King Hussein, addressing the Jordanian people ahead of general election campaign, pointed to Lebanon today as an example of the danger of mixing religion and politics.

"Our (Arab) nation stands today before new hostile attempts to dismember it along sectarian and religious lines," the king said. "This is a great danger... unequalled by any other danger because it comes from within."

Voting on Nov 8 for an 80-seat lower house will be Jordan's first parliamentary elections in 22 years.

"I don't believe any of you want the experiment to fail. God forbid, through extremism, excesses or fooling around," the king declared.

"We are on the threshold of a new start. We should get to know the nature of the horse we are going to ride... and not get carried away by enthusiasm... or avoid facing reality."

The king said Muslim-Christian conflict in Lebanon had been aggravated by external non-Arab interference, apparently referring mainly to Iran.

He said religion had been exploited "as a way to achieve political gains and reach power, and as a tool for the execution of the plots of certain foreign countries."

"Naive religious people were organised and others seeking money and influence were... trained to kill innocent people, take hostages, kill pilgrims... and plant explosives in the Grand Mosque of Makkah," the king said.

King Hussein said the new Parliament would not be a mere "platform for political communiques," but a national institute for making policy on economic and social issues.

The last Parliament, elected in 1967, was dissolved in July 1988.

Fans mourn Bette's death

PARIS, Oct 7, (AP): Colleagues, friends and film fans today mourned the death of Bette Davis, who began her career playing nasty, driven women and died more than a half-century later as one of the world's most beloved film stars.

Miss Davis, 81, died last night at the American Hospital in Paris, a hospital spokesman confirmed today.

The two-time Oscar winning actress was hospitalised while on her way home to west Hollywood, California, from a film festival in San Sebastian, Spain, where she had been honoured for a lifetime of achievement and had won the hearts of the festival audience with her warmth, wit and honesty.

In New York, her longtime attorney, Howard Schiff, said she died of cancer that she had been battling since a mastectomy in 1983.

Her doctors knew the cancer had spread and was terminal, he said, but decided to "let her go on going about her business."

Her business was film and over the course of 59 years she starred in some of America's most memorable movies. Among her more than 80 films were "Of Human Bondage," "All About Eve" and "Dark Victory."

She was nominated for the Academy award 10 times and won the best actress award twice — for "Dangerous" in 1935 and "Jezebel" in 1938.

"What a Loss," said actress Olivia de Havilland, who worked with Miss Davis in four films, including the 1944 "Hush... Hush, Sweet Charlotte."

"She was a remarkable person to work with, highly professional, innovative, brilliant and quick," said Miss de Havilland, 73. "I thought she had some marvellous personal qualities and I was very fond of her."

In a statement from Los Angeles, former US President Ronald Reagan said that Miss Davis made "some of the most memorable moments in the history of film and touched us in a way few others have. For Bette, acting was more than a profession; it was an art."

Actor Charlton Heston paid homage to Miss Davis as "one of the most significant women to shape American film both through her talents as an actress and her spirited character."

Angela Lansbury, who co-starred with Miss Davis in the 1982 television mini-series "Little Gloria, Happy at Last," said the actress was "the last of the great Hollywood stars... she was a beacon of light for all of us who were starting out."

Miss Davis attributed her success more to hard work than genius and she was known for being as strong and uncompromising off-screen as some of the characters she portrayed.

"The person who wants to make it has to sweat," she said. "There are no shortcuts. And you've got to have the guts to be hated. That's the hardest part."

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Pressure for pullout grows

Lebanese demand guarantees

TAIF, Oct 7, (Agencies): Lebanon's Christian lawmakers meeting to end 14 years of civil war today demanded guarantees of a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, with Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun reportedly pressing for a pullout within six months.

Anti-Syrian Sunni Muslim legislators supported Aoun's demands for a Syrian pullout, deepening the deadlock as the deliberations by 63 Lebanese legislators moved into their second week in the western mountain resort town of Taif.

The Maronite Catholics, the dominant Christian sect in Lebanon, want a pledge for the withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon before they will agree to political reforms that will give Muslims an equal share of power.



Catching a glimpse

Children wait to get a glimpse of Philippines President Corason Aquino during a visit to Nuevo Kella province, north of Manila, to inaugurate a courthouse. (Reuters wirephoto)

Wealth-for-burial swap proposed

Majority disagrees with ban: poll

MANILA, Oct 7, (Reuters): The brother of President Corason Aquino says the Philippines will propose a wealth-for-burial swap to the family of Ferdinand Marcos.

As leading senators linked Marcos's widow Imelda to an alleged \$1.3 million plot to kill Aquino, the President's younger brother, Jose Cojuangco, outlined suggestions for a deal allowing the late dictator a Philippine burial.

Cojuangco, Secretary-General of the ruling LDP Party, told reporters yesterday a government envoy would go to Hawaii to meet the Marcos family to discuss the possible return of billions of dollars Manila alleges Marcos looted from the country during his 20-year rule.

He did not say if he had Aquino's approval for the plan, but said up to \$7.5 billion could be recovered from the Marcos family and business associates.

Cojuangco said Aquino might be prepared to reverse her ban on Marcos's remains being brought back to the Philippines for burial.

"The Marcos family should return first the bulk of the hidden wealth," he said.

He said the money could be used to help pay back some of the country's \$28 billion foreign debt.

Solicitor General Frank Chavez has ruled out a compromise on the ban, saying Marcos's corpse was a threat to national security.

Two senators revealed details of an alleged plot to kill Aquino that they said was linked to Imelda Marcos.

Senator Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, said the information was based on intelligence reports and telephone taps.

Senator Neptali Gonzales said a plot to destabilise the country and kill Aquino was ready, but the money had not been sent from Hawaii to launch it.

A Philippine army recruit was held for questioning at a military training camp north of Manila yesterday when he was found with a loaded rifle shortly before the arrival of Aquino.

Officials declined to say if they thought he was linked to the reported assassination plot.

A Manila opinion poll showed a majority disagreed with the government ban on allowing Marcos's remains to be buried in the Philippines and rejected suggestions the remains were a security risk.



Camilia: angry

Sadat girl calls Hill to move

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (AP): The daughter of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, speaking on the eighth anniversary of his assassination, said yesterday the Israeli cabinet's rejection of an Egyptian peace plan was destroying the peace initiative for which her father died.

Camilia Sadat called for the formation of a bipartisan senate delegation that would travel to Israel next month to monitor the effects of the 22-month Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and to prod the government into accepting the Egyptian proposal.

Camilia was scheduled to meet later in the day with Vice President Dan Quayle and with leading members of the Senate.

Israel's cabinet, voting along partisan lines, earlier in the day rejected the Egyptian plan, which calls for talks between an Israeli and a Palestinian delegation in Cairo. The plan was proposed last month by Sadat's successor, President Hosni Mubarak.

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DAY BY DAY

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Burmese student hijacker Ye Yint listens to his seven political demands being read by journalists. (Reuters wirephoto)



Bright red

Mario Valentino's jacket and trousers in bright red suede will be presented at Milan 1990 spring-summer fashion show today. (Reuter wirephoto)

Brando slams MGM

NEW YORK, Oct 7, (Reuter): Actor Marlon Brando, in his first television interview in 16 years, says that the producers of his latest film, "A Dry White Season," made cuts that softened its strong anti-apartheid message.

Brando said that filmmaker MGM "made decisions about cutting... which I think diminished the value of the picture. They did not take into consideration the benefits that might befall the people in Africa who are suffering as a result of the policies of apartheid. I think they made a money decision."

In his first film since 1980, Brando plays a lawyer aiding a white schoolteacher and a black cabdriver in proving South African police responsibility for killing a young black. The film has been hailed by the critics for a strong anti-racist message. But Brando was clearly unhappy about scenes cut from the film saying: "If I know corporate executives, especially in the movie business, I know they are thinking of the money... they are hoping I will go away like some evil wind. But they are mistaken. I will not go away. This is life and death. This is real life."

"I care a great deal about this picture. I hate to see it ruined," he added. Brando said he contributed his fee to an anti-apartheid group on the understanding that MGM would do the same. But he said it did not.

Americans to march for affordable homes

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (AP): Housing activists hope to crown a three-day siege of the capital today with the largest march for decent and affordable homes since former President Reagan reduced government subsidies in 1981. Organisers of the "Housing Now" campaign expected to draw upwards of 100,000 people for the march and rallies

at the Defence Department and near the White House. Jobless street people who sleep on sidewalks and heating grates, young workers striving to buy their first home and celebrity millionaires on leaves of conscience from their Beverly Hills castles were to be among the marchers. Hundreds knocked on the doors of

Congress and President George Bush's administration earlier in the week, winning some symbolic early concessions with promises of more to come. That included a remarkable "letter of understanding" Friday from Housing Secretary Jack Kemp after a meeting in his office with Barry Zigas, a march organiser, and a half dozen

homeless people. "I commit the Housing and Urban Development Department to use the resources at our command to reach our common goal of economic opportunity and decent, affordable housing for all Americans," Kemp wrote. He pledged: "Next year, at least 10 per cent of the

agency's inventory of foreclosed single-family homes will be made available for the homeless. HUD has about 30,000 such homes, meaning that about 5,000 would be targeted. Estimates of the nation's homeless range from 250,000 to four million. The administration will propose changes in the \$2.8 billion in commun-

ity development block grants given to local governments each year "so that they will be used to fight poverty, increase self-sufficiency and opportunity in low-income communities." To "turn the abandoned homes throughout our cities and towns into decent, affordable homes for the homeless and low-income people."

Nam call for special UN session on drugs

Colombia appoints new justice minister

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 7, (Reuter): Thirteen non-aligned countries yesterday requested a high-level special session of the General Assembly on ways of combating illicit drug trafficking.

In a letter to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, they attached a proposed resolution asking him to make arrangements to convene the session.

No dates were suggested but the draft said it should be at a high political level and should consider as a matter of urgency the question of "international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand,

trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs."

An explanatory memorandum said the drug scourge was a matter of great concern to the international community and recalled that Colombian President Virgilio Barco, in a UN speech on Sept 29, called for a special session to deal with all aspects of the problem.

The current assembly session, which began last month, will first have to put the request on its agenda and then adopt the resolution calling for a special session.

The request was signed by representatives of Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil,

Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Senegal and Yugoslavia.

In other developments, Colombia's new minister of justice was quoted yesterday as saying he supports extraditing suspected drug traffickers to the United States.

The new Justice Minister, Roberto Salazar Manrique, was named to the job late Thursday night—the ninth justice minister in three years. Barco's office also announced new ministers of interior and communications.

Meanwhile, in what was believed to be the latest in a series of attacks by drug traffickers, two bombs exploded in Bogota late Thursday, injuring two people.

Police said bystanders captured one man fleeing from the bombings and turned him over to authorities. The blasts damaged a supermarket and bank about 1,200 feet (365 metres) apart, police said.

Extradition has become the main issue of Colombia's seven-week crackdown on its drug barons. Not a single major drug trafficker has ever been convicted in Colombia of drug trafficking.

Since the crackdown began, Colombia has extradited one Colombian and three more are waiting to be processed for extradition.

Earlier Thursday, Barco's government announced plans to hold a referendum to let voters decide whether suspected drug traffickers wanted in the United States should be extradited. The vote could be as early as January.

Barco named Carlos Lemos Simmonds as the country's new minister of interior, giving him command of the nation's police.



Police stand guard over 450 pounds of dynamite confiscated in Bogota. (Reuter wirephoto)



Roberto Salazar (Reuter wirephoto).

Sidelights

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (AP): The Senate has reversed itself and scuttled a plan to authorise government plans to open fire on airborne drug smugglers, yielding to concerns about the danger to innocent fliers.

"Let's not go into a piranha-like feeding frenzy every time somebody mentions drugs," Sen John Glenn said. "Let's send it back where it came from before we kill some innocent people out there."

The Senate refused to harness the plan to a wide-ranging bill to help launch the country's so-called "war on drugs."

Instead, it voted to kill the measure, 52-48.

The Senate did, however, attach more than a score of other amendments to the drug bill.

It then approved the overall bill, 100-0, and sent it to the House for consideration. It must be approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the president to become law.

Glenn said safeguards in the airplane shoot-down plan were guaranteed to fail because they did not specify such matters as what radio frequencies would be used to issue warnings and how innocent civilian pilots would be able to

see visual warnings while flying at night.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 7, (UPI): Five Israelis under investigation for their business activities in Colombia filed a \$77,500 libel suit against an Israeli newspaper, charging it falsely reported they trained drug cartel hit squads.

In an Aug 27 article, Yediot Ahronot reported that a Colombian drug cartel allegedly paid the Israeli security firm Hod Hahani \$80,000 to train death squads and bodyguards.

In a suit filed in Jerusalem district court, the five Israelis charged the article was inaccurate and had severely damaged their company, said lawyer Yigal Shapira, who is representing Hod Hahani.

Hod Hahani sent a letter to the newspaper's editor the week after the article appeared disputing the accuracy of the article and demanding a front page apology. Shapira said.

A 'crack' in the war on drugs — Page 13



Aids memorial quilt

The Aids memorial quilt, a 14-acre (5.6 ha) blanket of love dedicated to the victims in 19 countries of the always-fatal disease, has grown too large and will be shown only once more in its entirety.

The third and final full display was scheduled yesterday, today and for tomorrow on the Ellipse, the grounds behind the White House. The 13-tonne quilt is comprised of 10,848 panels representing Aids victims from 19 countries.

An estimated 1.25 million people have viewed the quilt's panels, made since 1986 by "people who cared about the people who died"—lovers, neighbours, friends, colleagues of people who died," said Dan Sauro, a spokesman for the project Aids memorial quilt.

Picture shows two women hugging each other by the quilt on display. (Reuter wirephoto)

Steps to make skies safer

MONTREAL, Oct 7, (Reuter): The United Nations' world aviation authority took steps to make the skies safer for travellers but failed in a bid to reduce aircraft noise in its assembly meeting that ended yesterday.

Representatives from 131 countries gathered for the three-week meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (Icao) to devise new methods to enhance airline safety and minimise the terrorist threat.

Delegates said the biggest accomplishment of the meeting was a resolution that would force manufacturers to mark plastic explosives for detection by airport security systems.

In a unanimous resolution, the assembly agreed to send the proposal, which involves marking explosives with a metal device, to the Icao's legal committee which will in turn draft a resolution of be ratified by member countries.

"This is a very, very important step forward because we discovered lately that these sophisticated explosives unfortunately are not detectable by existing equipment," Icao President Assad Kotaitte told reporters yesterday.

Plastic explosives have been linked to a number of terrorist bombings, including last December's killing of 270 people when a Pan Am Boeing blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Officials said this and the suspected bombing of a French jet over Chad last month instilled a new sense of urgency to deal with the question of airline terrorism.

"There has been some effort to enhance the expression by the assembly of its disgust of such types of active terror," said Allan Baker, an Israeli foreign affairs official.

A contentious agenda item was a proposal to phase out noisy, so-called stage two aircraft such as Boeing 727s, 737s and DC-9s beginning after 1995.

Noise reduction has become an important issue in the congested airways of Western states, but developing countries say they could not afford to refurbish their fleets with quieter aircraft such as the Boeing 767 and the Airbus A320.

Kotaitte told the assembly agreed to hold an extraordinary session next year to consider a compromise proposal that would allow some cash-strapped airlines from developing countries more time to modernise their fleets.

The assembly agreed to a programme in which developed countries would provide aviation experts and funds to help developing nations update aviation security systems.

Blood supply is much safer now

BOSTON, Oct 7, (AP): The odds of getting an Aids infection from a typical US blood transfusion are dropping by more than 30 per cent a year, from one in 28,000 two years ago, a new study says.

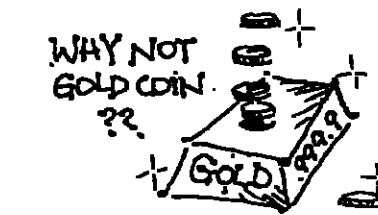
"The blood supply is probably safer now than it has ever been" because fewer Aids carriers are donating, concludes the study, conducted by the American Red Cross.

However, another report cautions that some people at high risk of the disease still give blood

despite appeals to refrain, and blood banks should try harder to dissuade them.

A third study showed that more than 95 per cent of people who receive Aids-tainted transfusions become infected, and half of them develop Aids within seven years.

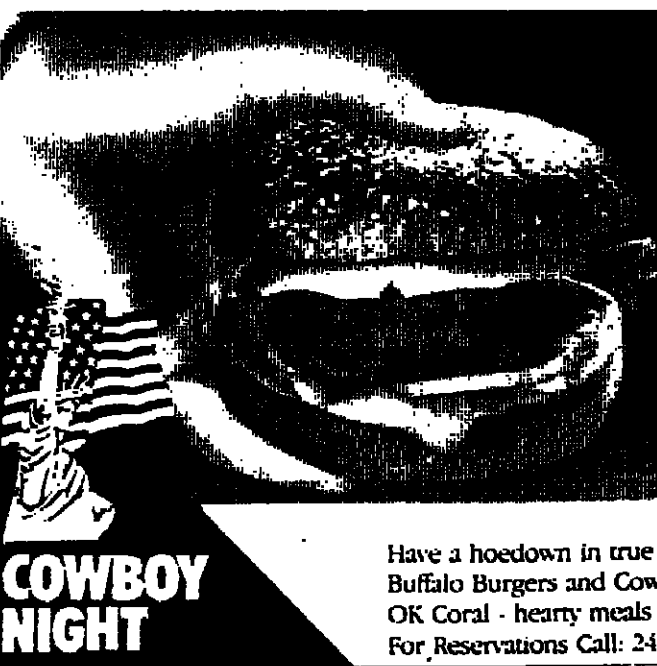
In general, the research shows that women are safer donors than men. The riskiest blood is from men making donations for the first time.



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Bush feeling great

President George Bush emerged yesterday from surgery to remove a cyst on his right middle finger "in a great mood," according to an aide. Bush was operated on as an outpatient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for removal of the cyst, which has troubled him for several years. He was given a local anaesthetic. "He was in a great mood," White House spokesman Jay Allison told reporters following the surgery, adding that the president was "talking and laughing with the doctors." Bush arrived by helicopter, smiling, waving at reporters, and holding up the hand on which the surgery was to be performed. Asked to raise his middle finger to demonstrate the cyst for a photo, Bush said with a laugh: "Don't tempt me." However, he then held out his right hand in a downward direction. (Reuters wirephoto)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: An 8-year-old boy stuck a message in a bottle, threw it into the ocean and waited for a response. He got one five years later — from England. "Hello Tommy," wrote 15-year-old Anya Leeds. "I don't know whether you remember sending your note in a bottle. We just found it on the other side of the Atlantic." "We were royally shocked," said Tom Mote, of Danis, whose son Tommy put the bottle in the ocean in July 1984. "I couldn't believe that bottle had been around for five years." The bottle was found by 10-year-old Garath Williams on a beach in Penzance, on the southwest tip of England. He gave it to Anya, who worked with her friend, Emma Prowse, 14, to reassemble the message. "The note crumbled to the touch, but we pasted it together," Anya said in a telephone interview with the newspaper The Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale. "It was pretty special to see something so old." (AP)

MINNEOLA, New York: (UPI) Vandalism sprayed satanic messages on two separate Long Island churches, and police were trying to determine if the incidents were related. In a third ghastly incident, two men fled from police as they tried to dig up a grave in the rear of the Westagh Baptist church, Nassau county police said. Police say the grave digging may be related to the satanic scrawling on the outside of the Belmonte community church. Pastor William Younkens received an anonymous phone call from someone who said "back of church" and immediately hung up. When Younkens went to investigate the outside of the church, he found the words "Satan lives... 666... I dug the grave in Westagh" spray-painted on the back wall, police said. The side wall was painted with the words "sacrifice mortal... imperial knights... Satan." (UPI)

New world atlas 3 states left out
OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 7: (AP) Gov. Henry Bellmon was not amused by his state's absence from Randy McNally's newly published world atlas, which also left out the states of North and South Dakota. "We are mystified," Bellmon said in a letter to Rand McNally. "Did you intend an insult or are you trying to say that Oklahoma is so well-known that travellers need no map to get here? The latter seems more likely." The letter was signed by the "3.3 million citizens of the great state of Oklahoma," Bellmon spokesman Sam Armstrong said yesterday. Rand McNally officials said space limitations forced the omission of the three states from the atlas, which features colourful photographs of various regions of the world. But spokeswoman acknowledged the company may have blundered. The \$34.95 Rand McNally photographic world atlas goes on sale this month. North Dakota tourism director Jim Fuglie, however, said he wasn't particularly miffed by the omission.

NEW YORK: Britain's Prince Charles says that playing a game of polo helps him maintain an image of a strong, tough leader, according to an interview published in Polo Life magazine. The prince also says in the interview published in the autumn issue of Polo Life that playing polo renews his mental and physical strength. "One of the things I've always felt strong about in this position is leadership, or setting an example," he says. "I do believe it's very important to be seen not to be a chicken, to be leading from the front, showing you're prepared to do perhaps some of the more dangerous things."

He says he almost never loses his temper while playing polo but admits: "I swear occasionally, not too loud. On the whole, I remain reasonable." (AP)

LAKE OSWEGO, Oregon: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has adopted a new name — Osho — and given his followers a change of habit.

Osho is a Japanese word that means "the whole man, the fully awakened one and respectfully symbolises a man of peace, grace and love upon whom existence is showering all its blessings from every direction," according to a statement from the sect's Oregon Press Service. Disciples also have begun wearing maroon robes during the day and white robes during evening meditations at the commune in Prineville, the release said. In the years when the commune was based in Oregon, Rajneeshes wore various shades of red, but the 58-year-old guru later advised them to drop the practice to avoid harassment and discrimination. (AP)

ST. LOUIS, Missouri: John Sundby and Kris Roling have more experience at being crowned king and queen — together — than most members of the royalty. They were crowned homecoming king and queen at Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

Fifteen years earlier, they were crowned Valentine's Day king and queen of hearts in their kindergarten class in Rapid City, in western South Dakota.

They say they do not remember much about their first coronation. But Sundby said there's one thing he remembers about Roling: "I used to have a really bad crush on her."

Miss Roling's family moved away from Rapid City a few years after their first coronation, but the two were reunited when they enrolled as freshmen at Augustana in 1986 and have become good friends. (AP)

DETROIT, Michigan: A man who tried to steal 600 Christmas toys that US marines had collected for poor children was sentenced to 10 months in prison. An accomplice received probation. Christopher Smith, 42, and 44-year-old Gerald Brown, both of Detroit, pleaded guilty in May to attempted larceny. They presented a letter on church stationery to the marine corps Toys for Tots programme at Selfridge air national guard base in Mount Clemens. The church supposedly needed the toys for children who would be attending a Christmas party, but Toys for Tots officials contacted the pastor and discovered the scam. Smith and Brown were arrested after loading the toys in a truck on Dec 20, authorities said. (AP)

MIAMI: L.J. Freshley turned up an unexpected on-the-job hazard at a construction site just south of Miami International Airport: a 17-foot (5 m), 140-pound (64 kg), hungry, reticulated python.

As Freshley, a bulldozer operator, was clearing brush on a 400-acre (160 ha) site yesterday, he said he saw the python slithering on his equipment, and wasn't quite sure what to do. "When you see something like that — it's only once — you don't know what to do," Freshley said. "I couldn't run, so I just sat there. He wasn't bothering me. He was just trying to get away."

It was wildlife trapper Todd Hardwick to the rescue. Hardwick and assistant Danny Hixon went to the site, wrestled the snake dubbed "Junior" out of its hiding place under some fallen tree limbs, and sacked the critter in a sleeping bag. (UPI)

KINGSTON, Jamaica: The trial of Grace Jones on charges of possessing less than \$18 worth of cocaine was postponed for the fifth time since the April arrest, and the singer-actress said the delays are hurting her career.

"I had to go on television in Europe to refute newspaper reports which say I was a fugitive from Jamaica," she said, adding that some TV commercials in which she appears have been taken off the air pending the outcome of the trial.

Ms Jones, who travelled from Los Angeles to her homeland only to find the prosecutor failed to show up, complained vehemently of the cost of returning to the Caribbean island for each new trial date. She travelled from Paris, Madrid, and Rome for previous trial dates that were postponed because prosecutors were not familiar with the case, judges failed to show up or witnesses were missing. (AP)

MILTON, West Virginia: West Virginia police have arrested a snuff, but don't worry, kids: it's not one of your Saturday morning cartoon heroes.

Milton police said John Smurf, 50, will be sent to Carroll county, Colorado, to face fraud charges there. Smurf, a California native, was arrested on a fugitive warrant. "Even 'smurfs' have to learn that crime doesn't pay," said Cabell circuit judge Alfred Ferguson, who set bond in the case. The judge was referring to the popular small blue television cartoon characters known as Smurfs. (UPI)

Fighter pilots compete for honour of 'top gun'

INDIAN SPRINGS, Nevada, Oct. 7: (AP) The world's top jet fighter pilots are bombing and strafing targets on a bleak desert range, not in training for the next war, but in a competition for the coveted honour of "top gun". At "Gunsmoke '89" a kind of championship for attack plane pilots from around the globe, the competition is unfolding this month during two weeks of daily simulated air attacks in two valleys 40 miles (64 kilometres) north-west of Las Vegas. The biennial exercise at the sprawling Nellis Air Force Base bombing and gunnery range draws the cream of the US Air Force pilots and crews who have won regional competitions at US bases abroad. This year's competitors include teams from West Germany, Japan, the Philippines and Great Britain. As smoke billowed from dummy bombs crashing around an old tank being used as a target yesterday, Maj. Bud Williams explained the drill to visiting reporters. Inside the cockpit of a fighter jet, computers tell the pilot when and where to drop his bombs, but the man at the controls still has to push the pickle button that releases the explosives, Williams explained. The red button that releases the bombs is just one of the pilot's many concerns as he flashes 300 feet (60 metres) above the desert floor at 400 miles (643 kilometres) per hour, pops up to 1,000 feet (300 metres), then dives toward a speck of a target. The pilot has to concentrate on the degree of the dive, the location of the target, the speed of his plane, wind and other factors. While focused on the target and the precise second to press the "pickle button" — whose nickname is part of the arcane jargon of the flight world — the pilot must also "fly stable so the radar can get an accurate look at the target," Williams explained. A pilot's concentration on his target can prove deadly.

Williams said. "The result of target fixation is often death." While accidents are a hazard of military practice, the 8-year-old competition has a perfect safety record. "We've never lost a crew member or an aircraft," Williams said as an F-16 fighting Falcon roared overhead, banking sharply after dropping a bomb on a target half a mile (kilometre) away. The dummy bombs provide only a flash of fire and a puff of smoke, leaving the target — an ageing tank — charred but reusable. The real thing would be a different story.

Arrested on drug charge Jane supporting daughter

NEW YORK, Oct. 7: (UPI) The attorney for Vanessa Vadim, the daughter of actress Jane Fonda, who was arrested when a friend passed heroin to another man in Manhattan, said his client's mother is supporting the child in her legal ordeal. Manhattan lawyer Robert Kalina said he had spoken to Jane Fonda, and the actress is supporting her daughter "100 per cent." He also said Vadim, 21 and a student at Brown University, is not a drug addict and has no prior legal record. Kalina made his remarks in Manhattan criminal court yesterday as Vadim awaited arraignment for her role in an incident that took place in front of 139 Essex St., in Lower Manhattan at 8 a.m. Narcotics enforcement agents had seen Vadim, Thomas Feegal, 22, and a local resident enter a known drug location, said police spokesman Vincent Jones. However, Kalina claimed Vadim had not gone to the location to buy drugs, maintaining simply that she was "at the wrong place at the wrong time." He declined to elaborate. Jones said that when the trio exited, Feegal passed a glassine envelope allegedly containing heroin to Manuel Rivera, 30, who lives at a men's shelter, he said.

'Hands up' with a cucumber
LONDON, Oct. 7: (AP) Armed only with a cucumber, a drug addict stole £12,418 (\$19,868) in 16 raids over two months, a prosecutor told London's Old Bailey central criminal court yesterday. The defendant, Ernest Coveley, pretended the cucumber, wrapped in a plastic bag, was a shotgun and would point it at terrified women cashiers and scream, "give me the money or I'll blow your head off," prosecutor Michael Warren told the court. Coveley used the cucumber in robberies of 14 savings and loan offices, a bank and a post office, Warren said. Coveley, 36, pleaded guilty to 10 counts of robbery and six counts of attempted robbery. He had initially faced 16 charges of using imitation firearms in the robberies. But his plea of innocent to these was accepted by the court on grounds that cucumbers cannot be classified as imitation firearms.

Koch to take up teaching

NEW YORK, Oct. 7: (AP) Mayor Edward I. Koch will become a visiting fellow at New York University's urban research centre after he leaves office in January, the university announced. Koch will give six lectures on the economic and social challenges facing cities and the role of state and federal governments in urban policy, the university said.

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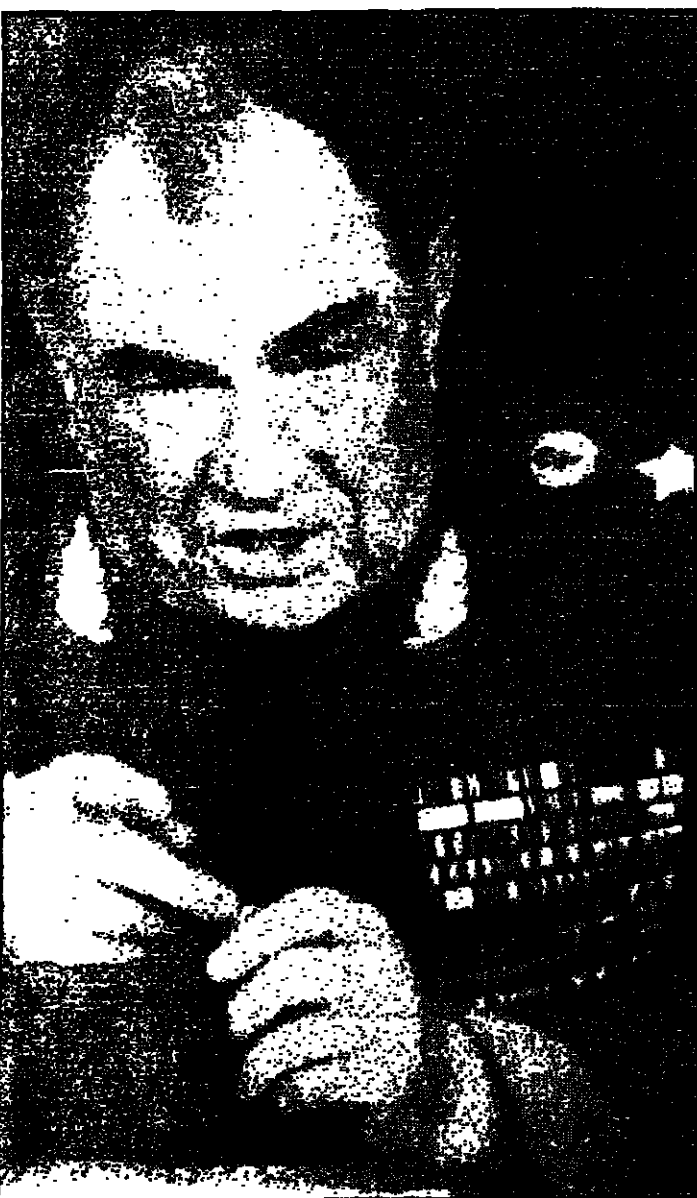
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Yankees impress

Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov ended his first US visit on Friday, inviting his counterpart to Moscow, praising American soldiers and boasting of the impenetrability of Soviet air defences.

Yazov and US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney appeared at a joint news conference, where they pledged a continuation of military exchanges but made no substantive announcements.

"It is important to build friendship, develop mutual understanding," said Yazov, who met with US President George Bush during his weeklong trip.

Cheney, who said he would visit the Soviet Union at an unspecified date, said military-to-military contacts between the two superpower defence chiefs were "very productive".

Yazov visited Camp Pendleton, a Marine training base in southern California, Luke Air Force Base in Arizona and Fort Bragg, home of the army's 82nd Airborne in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Panel passes chemo ban bill

US sanctions proposed

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved legislation that would require US sanctions against countries that violate an international ban on using chemical and biological weapons.

The legislation, approved on a voice vote yesterday, also would encourage international sanctions against violating countries.

In addition, it would require the president to monitor efforts by Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria and other developing nations to develop or acquire chemical and biological weapons.

The approval comes on the heels of a proposal made by President George Bush before the United Nations to cut US and Soviet stockpiles of such weapons by 80 per cent. The Soviets countered with a proposal for total elimination.

US sanctions would include a cutoff of arms sales, an embargo on imports from the violating country, an end to credit guarantees from the Export-Import Bank, a halt to financial assistance from US banks and an end to military and economic assistance.

The United States also would encourage a denial of assistance from international lending institutions as well as other sanctions.

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Heseltine ready to lead Conservatives

LONDON, Oct 7, (Kuna): Former British Cabinet minister, Michael Heseltine, said today he would accept the Conservative Party leadership if he was offered it.

But he denied he was actively seeking to oust British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, 64, who is the leader of the ruling party.

Heseltine, the former environment and defence secretary, is still popular with Conservative activists and voters of all parties, despite his dramatic resignation from the cabinet at the height of the Westland helicopter in January 1986, observers noted.

That view was confirmed today in a Gallup survey in the conservative newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, which put

Heseltine at the top of a poll of voters' choices as Conservative Party leader and prime minister if Thatcher was to stand down before the next election.

Speaking about the party leadership, Heseltine said in a local radio interview here this morning: "An invitation of that sort, an opportunity of that sort, would be one of the most remarkable opportunities that anyone could be offered."

Meanwhile, there were speculations that Thatcher might decide to retire before the next general election in about one or two years time.

But in recent press interviews she avoided giving a definite answer, suggesting that she could seek a fourth term in power if the party wins the next election.

Kinnock declares he is fit

Labour turns right

BRIGHTON, Oct 7, (AP): The opposition Labour Party ended its annual conference yesterday after confirming a rightward shift intended to position the party for victory in the next election.

"We're driving forward and there is no going back. Brighton 1989 has been a landmark conference for the Labour Party," said party leader Neil Kinnock.

An election is not required until 1992, although there is some indication it may be held a year earlier.

During the week, the Labour Party dropped its commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, dropped prominent leftist lawmaker Ken Livingstone from its national executive committee, and rejected calls for a Labour government to phase out nuclear power.

The government Conservative Party will hold its

annual conference next week in Blackpool. Kinnock asserted in a television interview yesterday that he was fit and ready to replace Conservative Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister.

"I am going to be prime minister because I represent the people of this country, their hopes for economic success and social justice," Kinnock said.

"I am not detached and remote in the way the government has become."

A poll published yesterday by the Evening Standard in London showed Labour favoured by 46 per cent of the respondents, compared to 37 per cent for the Conservatives. The poll was based on interviews with 1,089 adults two days earlier. The margin of error was not reported.

Age of consent

Lowered

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 7, (AP): The opposition Labour Party voted at its annual conference yesterday to reduce the age of consent for homosexuals from 21 to 16.

Delegates voted by 3.7 million to 2.3 million to introduce an equal age of consent for homosexuals as heterosexuals.

The age of consent is the minimum age at which a person may legally have sexual intercourse.

The proposal now goes back to the party's policy-making national executive committee, which will consider it for inclusion in its election platform.

Greek premier resigns office

ATHENS, Greece, Oct 7, (AP): Conservative Premier Kostas Tsametakis resigned today saying his three-month old government had completed its mission of starting a cleansing of Greek political life.

His resignation paved the way for new national elections next month.

Tsametakis headed a conservative-leftist coalition that emerged from the inconclusive June 18 elections. It ended eight years of Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) rule headed by former premier Andreas Papandreu.

Tsametakis called on President Christos Sartzetakis at the presidential palace at 10.00 am (0800 GMT) where he outlined the reasons for submitting his resignation.

During his 45-minute meeting with the president, Tsametakis said he told him that his government's mission of launching legal action against officials of the former socialist government for their alleged involvement in scandals, had been completed.

As he left the palace in downtown Athens, Tsametakis told waiting journalists that he had been asked by the President to remain in office until a new administration was formed.

But chances for a new government to evolve from the present parliament appeared extremely slim.

The New Democracy Party which together with the communist-dominated coalition of the left and progress supported the government in the unprecedented alliance, control 173 of the 300 seats in the unicameral parliament. Pasok has 125 places with two parliamentary seats held by independents.

Later, New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis was summoned to the palace where he rejected the mandate to form a government.

Leaving the palace, the 71-year-old veteran politician told journalists that he explained his reasons for turning down the mandate and urged Sartzetakis to hasten procedures for a service government to hold elections on Nov 5.

Communist Party chief Harilaos Florakis has stated he would also turn down a presidential mandate believing that elections were the only solution.

Supreme court president Ioannis Grivas has been mentioned by parliamentarians as the likeliest candidate to head a service cabinet in the event the presidential mandates fail to produce a viable administration.

70 held for draft dodge

PARIS, Oct 7, (UPI): Police said today they have arrested 70 people belonging to two doctors on charges of belonging to a ring selling false medical exemption certificates to youngsters seeking to dodge their French military service.

The two doctors were identified as Dr Jo Abbou, 59, who was struck off the list of members of the French National Order of Doctors, and Henri Raffenne, 63, who has been banned from practising medicine by an investigating judge, the police said.

Genarmes began investigating the organisation in January 1987 after discovering two false exemption certificates presented to army authorities.

\$250,000 offered to kill six of Noriega enemies

Armed men attack 'coup' radio station

PANAMA CITY, Oct 7, (Agencies): Supporters of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega have offered a \$250,000 reward for the assassination of six of his enemies, according to a letter published yesterday in the pro-government newspaper Critica.

The threats, presented as a letter from unnamed businessmen to a daily columnist, could not immediately be confirmed.

"They (opponents) have allowed a price to be put on (Noriega's) head, with dollars given to them by the United States," the letter said.

Therefore, "we consider it justified to use our money to pay those who execute traitors."

The threats and the attack on the radio station came after Noriega said he would get tough with his opponents in the wake of the coup attempt, which he blames on the United States. In his Thursday speech, Noriega specifically said radio stations that had been "bought off" would be "torn down."

Noriega's party proposed emergency laws today to crack down on dissent.

Carlos Duque, the head of the pro-government Revolutionary Democratic Party and Noriega's candidate in the annulled May 7 presidential election, said the proposed laws would set standards for suspending or firing public employees who fail to express loyalty to the government.

The Revolutionary Democratic Party, formed under the ruler of Gen. Omar Torrijos in the early 1970s as a power base for the military, asked that the laws be enacted by decree of provisional President Francisco Rodriguez, who was appointed by the Noriega-controlled government after the fraud-marred elections were annulled.

Duque said the proposal also includes new regulations concerning the news media, particularly radio and television, but he did not give specifics.

The proposals follow a speech on Thursday by Noriega calling for action to confront what he called an "economic and political crisis" instigated by the United States to force his ouster. Noriega called on public employees to become "prosecutors" of their fellow workers to ensure that they support the government.

Duque told the newspaper La Estrella, however, that the proposed laws would not be used to persecute people or repress the opposition.

The proposed media laws also followed the suspension of one of the three radio stations that broadcast a statement by coup leaders Tuesday that they had ordered Noriega to retire.

In Washington, President George Bush said yesterday he does not regret his decision against US military intervention in this week's failed coup against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega in Panama.

"We reviewed all the information and I don't see anything now that would have made me make a different decision then," Bush told reporters as he emerged from Walter Reed Army Medical Centre after minor surgery on his finger.

He said he still wants to see Noriega removed from power. The Panamanian military leader faces federal drug charges in Florida.

"I'm not just being stubborn, but as I look at all the information I wouldn't have made a different decision then," Bush said.

Human rights activists who took over the Costa Rican embassy to protest alleged human rights abuses in war-torn El Salvador peacefully ended their 27-hour occupation of the six-story building yesterday.

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Noriega waves to supporters from behind a barred window in his command headquarters in Panama City. (Reuters wirephoto)

Man behind steroid gang

LOS ANGELES, Oct 7, (Reuters): Panamanian leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega is believed to be the main owner of a Mexican laboratory charged with producing millions of dollars of black market body-building drugs, a US prosecutor said yesterday.

Based on records seized in a raid by Mexican authorities on the laboratory in Tijuana, prosecutor Phillip Halpern said: "I would characterise Noriega as the controlling shareholder of the company."

Halpern said that Noriega may be prosecuted on charges related to the Tijuana enterprise. Noriega, who survived an attempted coup in Panama this week, has been indicted in Florida on cocaine trafficking charges.

The black market steroid operation "appears to be a new wrinkle" in the US investigation of Noriega's activities, Halpern said.

The Tijuana company, Laboratorios Milano de Mexico, is at the centre of a major illegal steroid case being prosecuted by Halpern's office in San Diego.

Among more than 30 defendants was former British Olympic athlete David Jenkins who was released from jail in June after serving six months of a seven-year sentence.

According to an indictment, a wide range of steroids were manufactured at the lab and phony labels were pasted on the bottles to make them appear to be the product of legitimate US and European manufacturers.

The steroids were then smuggled into the United States for sale, reaping tens of millions of dollars in illegal profits, Halpern said.

The official Mexican news agency Notimex said on Thursday that Mexican attorney general Alvarez was probing a Tijuana pharmaceutical company in which Noriega is the majority partner. It did not specify what type of drugs the company was producing.

"Noriega is the principal. His partners are here in the United States. We have spent four months on the investigation," Alvarez was quoted as saying.

Occupation ends

Rights protesters leave

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Coup plotters hanged in Freetown

President Robert Mugabe, the

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, Oct 7, (AP): Former vice president Francis Minah and a senior police official were hanged today along with four soldiers convicted of plotting to kill President Joseph Momoh and overthrow his government, government sources said.

The sources, who declined to be further identified, said Minah and Mohammed Gabriel Tenyson Kaika, a former assistant superintendent of police, and the others were hanged at dawn.

A broadcast on government-controlled Sierra Leone radio said Momoh commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of six other men convicted in the coup plot. The radio did not identify those executed.

Eighteen men were charged in connection with the abortive coup attempt of March 23, 1987.

Sixteen were convicted of treason in October 1987 and sentenced to death. The two others, a police officer and a soldier, were imprisoned for four and seven years respectively for complicity.

President Robert Mugabe, the nominal chancellor of the university, meanwhile, expressed his support for the university management's decision to close the state college after stone-throwing students clashed with riot police wielding batons.

"We now want to start afresh and clean the university up," Mugabe told 10,000 supporters yesterday in central Chivhu town.

Student leaders say they believe Mugabe ordered the shutdown because of widespread student disillusionment with official corruption.

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Pretoria to free Sisulu, Mpetha

PRETORIA, Oct 7, (Reuters): South Africa plans to free Walter Sisulu, the country's most prominent political prisoner, after Nelson Mandela, ahead of a Commonwealth summit later this month, government sources said today.

The sources, who declined to be named, said the government had approved the release of Sisulu, 77, and Oscar Mpetha, 80, and the two would probably be freed a few days before the summit opens in Kuala Lumpur on October 18.

A decision had been made to free Sisulu and Mpetha before the summit in order to ease pressure on British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who opposes efforts by her Commonwealth colleagues to impose further sanctions on South Africa.

"We owe Thatcher a favour, one source told Reuters.

Sisulu, a former secretary-general of the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group, was sentenced along with Mandela to life imprisonment for plotting sabotage and revolution, at the Rivonia Trial in June 1964.

Mpetha, South Africa's oldest political prisoner, was convicted of terrorism in 1987 and jailed for five years. He is in poor health in a Cape Town hospital.

After the release of Sisulu and Mpetha, the government will see how the black majority and others react before freeing other prominent black leaders.

"(Sisulu) knows that his behaviour will have a bearing on the release of others," one source said. The sources said Mandela's freedom will come last — at his own request.

Varsity closure backed

HARARE, Oct 7, (AP): Police detained Zimbabwe's trade union chief yesterday witnesses said, a day after the labour leader criticised the closure of the country's only university following student riots.

Morgan Tsvangirai, secretary general of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, joined more than 50 university students arrested Wednesday after daylong clashes with police.

Tsvangirai had hinted Thursday that his congress might consider work stoppages to support the students.

President Robert Mugabe, the nominal chancellor of the university, meanwhile, expressed his support for the university management's decision to close the state college after stone-throwing students clashed with riot police wielding batons.

"We now want to start afresh and clean the university up," Mugabe told 10,000 supporters yesterday in central Chivhu town.

Student leaders say they believe Mugabe ordered the shutdown because of widespread student disillusionment with official corruption.

Soares in SA to visit injured son

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 7, (AP): President Mario Soares of Portugal arrived yesterday to visit his son, Joao, who has been hospitalised in South Africa since suffering serious injuries in a plane crash in Angola 10 days ago.

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INTERNATIONAL

Hungarian reds turning pinks

BUDAPEST, Oct. 7, (Reuters): Hungary's Communist Party moved today to the brink of declaring itself a Western-style socialist party, committed to parliamentary democracy and civil liberties.

Party leader Rezzo Nyers said

the new organisation should be called the Hungarian Socialist Party and should accept as members only genuine reformers ready to abandon Stalinist practices of the past.

"This is a very historic step for every socialist, and every social-

ist must support it," Nyers told almost 1,300 delegates at a Communist Party Congress.

Delegates were poised to endorse the proposal in a formal vote when a prominent hardliner, Janos Berecz, demanded that it should be presented in

written form.

The party's leading reformer, Imre Pozsgay, said earlier that there was no doubt which way the vote would go. "It is quite clear that a majority wants a new party with a programme with new rules and a new name," he

told a news conference.

The decision would make Hungary's party the first ruling Communist Party in Eastern Europe to wind itself up and declare that it had made a complete break with the central principles of Marxism-Leninism.

Moscow protest against inquiry

MOSCOW, Oct. 7, (Reuters): Thousands of people linked hands in the centre of Moscow today to protest about what they said was the harassment of two special prosecutors who had been investigating Kremlin hardliner Yegor Ligachev.

The crowds stretched all the way down Gorky Street, then marched into a square just behind the Kremlin and held a mass meeting in pouring rain to demand fair treatment for the two men, Telman Gdlyan and Nikolai Ivanov.

Gdlyan and Ivanov were removed from an investigation into corruption in Soviet Uzbekistan earlier this year when they said Ligachev had been under investigation.

An official inquiry was ordered into the activities of the two men, who were elected to the new Soviet Parliament in the spring.

"We want an independent inquiry into the whole way their case has been handled. They've been made scapegoats," said one demonstrator.

The crowds also chanted slogans in favour of Communist Party member Boris Yeltsin and burned copies of the party's daily paper Pravda.

Last month the paper was forced to apologise to Yeltsin after it ran an article suggesting he had squandered the money he made on a recent speaking tour of the United States.

Saturday is Soviet Constitution Day, and some of the crowd used the opportunity to demand that the nation's 1977 constitution — drawn up under discredited former leader Leonid Brezhnev — be made more democratic.

The sixth article of the Soviet constitution says that all power shall rest in the hands of the party. This is wrong — we need a multi-party stage," said one protester.

Also today, about 200 Kazakhs demonstrated briefly outside the Ministry of Defence in Moscow before handing in a petition demanding that nuclear tests at the republic's Semipalatinsk test range be halted immediately.

An Armenian official today dismissed central press reports that an Azerbaijani blockade of his republic had ended, saying trainloads of fuel and food were still being held back.

Daily Pravda and other newspapers reported that the blockade had been broken and normal rail traffic restored between Armenia and Azerbaijan from 6 pm yesterday.

New treaty

The Soviet Union yesterday said the nations of the world should adopt a new treaty giving the world court binding authority to settle international disputes.

The new Soviet suggestion is the latest proposal resulting from President Mikhail Gorbachev's call last December for a comprehensive strengthening of international law.

Huge arms shipments

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 7, (AP): Moscow has doubled the pace of its arms shipments to Cambodia this year, sending 60 tanks and 20 MiG-21 jet fighters in August alone, the resistance coalition and Asian diplomats said yesterday.

The Soviet Union began shipping huge quantities of munitions to Phnom Penh when it became clear that Vietnam's troops would be withdrawn by the end of September, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Moscow sent 160 T-55 main battle tanks this year, more than doubling Phnom Penh's inventory of tanks. The Soviets also sent at least 36 MiG-21 fighter jets, 76.2mm heavy artillery, trucks, thousands of tons of land mines, small arms and ammunition to the port at Kampong Saom, diplomats said.

Soviet deliveries of munitions through the end of August are running about twice as high as the pace of shipments in 1988, the diplomats said.

An official at the Soviet Union's mission, speaking privately, said he did not think that the pace of Soviet arms deliveries had increased this year.

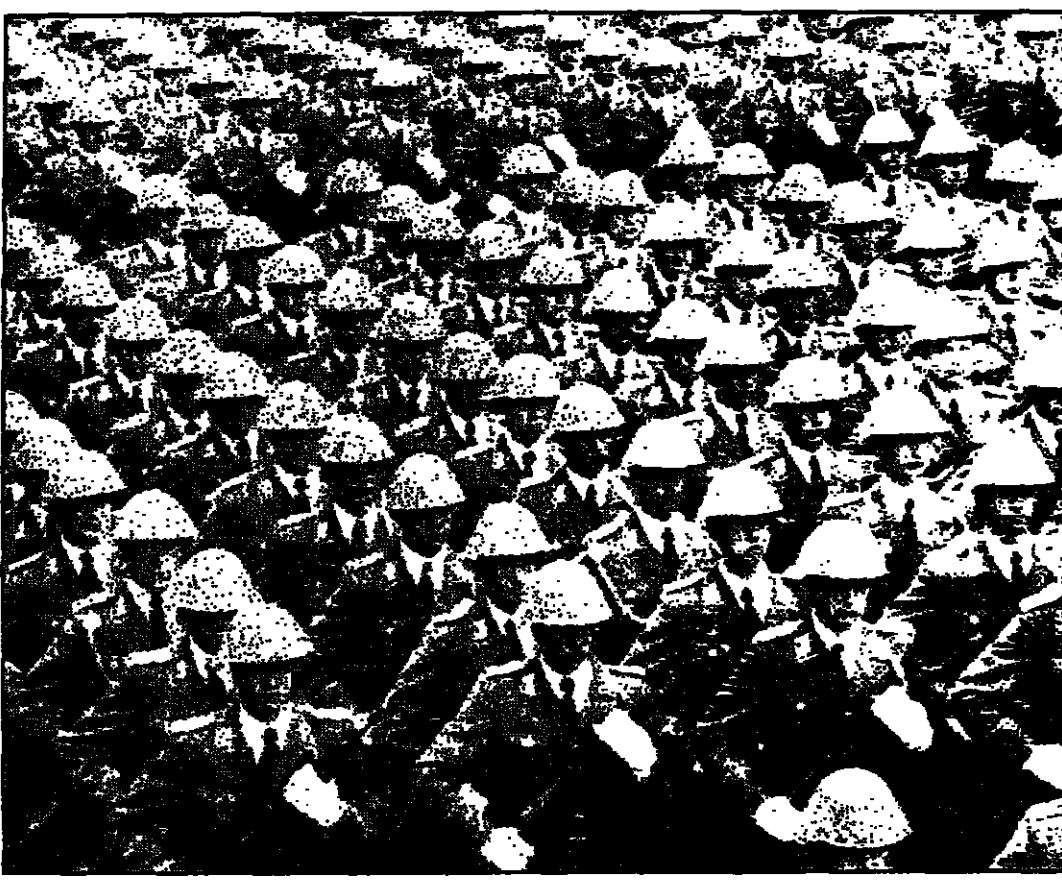
Gorbachev expresses confidence in Honecker

Emigration restrictions may be eased

BERLIN, Oct. 7, (Agencies): Soviet President Gorbachev met today with East German leader Erich Honecker after expressing confidence in the ruling communists' ability to cope with the exodus of East Germans to the West.

Gorbachev was in East Germany to help celebrate the nation's 40th anniversary.

In Dresden, sources said by telephone today that about 2,000 protesters clashed with police for the fourth straight night yesterday. The sources, speaking on condition of not being identified, reported "numerous injuries."



East German troops march in a military parade to mark the nation's 40th anniversary. (Reuters wirephoto)

East Germans seized can go

Assurance given

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7, (Agencies): Several East Germans detained by police outside the US embassy in East Berlin will be permitted to leave the country, the State Department says.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said yesterday that the assurances were given by the East German government and that he did not know how many people were involved.

All of those detained were released from custody with the exception of two who were arrested for reasons unrelated to emigration, Boucher said.

In a related development, the State Department press office said it had erroneously distributed a notice to reporters that East Germans hoping to flee to the West were "politely denied entry" to the US embassy.

A statement issued in its place said the embassy staff asks those who seek to enter the chancery what their purpose is in entering the building.

"Those who have normal embassy business are allowed to enter," the statement said. "No embassy employees force people off the premises."

The initial press notice, which was issued on Thursday night, reinforced earlier US statements that the embassy was not equipped to grant waves of would-be emigrants extended sanctuary.

"Our embassy is not in a position to accommodate large numbers of people who want to sit there until other governments do something," Boucher said on Thursday.

Eighteen East Germans — 10 adults and eight children — voluntarily left the US embassy on Wednesday evening after a 31-hour occupation that touched off an effort by dozens of others to try to get past East German police and into the building.

Boucher said the East German government had given assurances that "their desire to emigrate would be considered positively and that no reprisals would be taken against them."

Also, he said, a woman pushed away by police from the entrance was given similar assurances.

West Germany said today it would keep the doors of its embassies in Eastern Europe open for East German refugees still fleeing their country despite East Berlin's efforts to seal its borders.

West Germany's Red Cross said today it was being stretched to the limit by the biggest wave of East German refugees since 1961 and needed emergency homes built for them by winter.

"Our volunteers and professionals are pushed to their capacity working round the clock. Many are exhausted, and still people arrive," Red Cross official Wolf Herzbach said.

Red Cross president Botho Prinz zu Sayn-Wittgenstein said the government had to find unconventional solutions.

"The refugees from the GDR (East Germany) need a roof over their head now. We must build emergency pre-fabricated homes immediately on state-owned land," he told Bild Am Sonntag.

A battle between protesters and truncheon-wielding police also broke out in Leipzig, said West Germany's ZDF television network, quoting unidentified witnesses. It said many people were taken away by police but had no other details.

In West Germany, the foreign minister said there were signs East Germany would ease its restrictions on emigration, following the escape of tens of thousands of East Germans in recent weeks. But a newspaper said East Berlin intended the change as way of removing critics of communism.

The exodus of East Germans has deeply embarrassed the ageing communist leadership in East Berlin, which has tried to put a glossy face on its achievements for the weekend celebrations of the country's anniversary.

East German authorities have barred Westerners from entering East Berlin and installed new barriers to narrow approaches to the so-called checkpoint Charlie Crossing through the Berlin Wall.

A US officer on the scene said the three Western allies, Britain, France and the United States, had been informed of the operation at the wall, built in 1961.

"What we're interested in is allied access and that seems to be guaranteed at the moment," said the officer.

West Berlin police and allied military police stood eyeball to eyeball with East German border guards as both sides took video and still pictures of the construction work.

In West Berlin today, a man with a crowbar caused a disturbance when he began hacking and hammering at the new metal barriers from the western side.

East German guards watching the disturbance were tampered and pelted with debris by about 200 people from the western side. The guards did not react.

In the East German city of Halle, opposition leaders said eight members of the leading reform group New Forum were arrested overnight.

As Gorbachev met with Honecker today, West German news media speculated he would tell Honecker to undertake reforms if he wants to give East Germans a reason for staying in their homeland.

In a speech last night after the first day of his two-day visit, Gorbachev said at the Palace of the Republic: "There is no doubt that the Socialist Unity Party (East Germany's Communist Party) has the intellectual potential, rich experience and political authority to co-operate with all forces in society to answer the questions placed on today's agenda."

Rudolf Seiters, chief of staff to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said he thought Gorbachev's speech was an indirect call for East Germany "to carry out changes."

Dieter Vogel, a West German government spokesman in Bonn, said he believed Gorbachev's speech was "diplomatic but very clear" in calling for "reforms within socialism."

Today, tanks, rocket transporters and goose-stepping East German soldiers paraded down East Berlin's Karl Marx boulevard this morning in a celebration of East Germany's founding on Oct. 7, 1949, with Gorbachev and Honecker observing the military display.

But the exodus of East Germans has been the most compelling display of popular feelings about the communist's 40-year-old rule.

The arrival of about 600 East Germans from Warsaw yesterday may have marked the end of the refugee trains to the West, but the flow through Hungary is continuing.

Bavarian border police said today 662 East German refugees had arrived in the West German state over the past 24 hours, all through Hungary.

A battle between protesters and police also broke out in Leipzig, said West Germany's ZDF television network, quoting unidentified witnesses.

"Police used truncheons against the masses of demonstrators," ZDF quoted witnesses as saying. "Many of the protesters were taken away in police cars."

Walesa says Poles, angered by hardship, may burn down his house

WARSAW, Oct. 7, (Reuters): Lech Walesa told Solidarity advisers today he was afraid his house might be burned down by Poles angered by hardship and misgovernment.

The Solidarity leader issued his third warning in two weeks of the danger of civil war as Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Roman Catholic primate, appealed to Poles to show patience and preserve peace.

Walesa, who has criticised the Solidarity-led government over inflation,

said Solidarity could pay a price for the worsening situation.

"We are the stars of Poland today," he told 200 members of the Solidarity citizen's committee. "The fact that we are the stars could mean in my case that my house will be the first to be burned down by this society which is not satisfied with the way it is being run."

His remarks coincided with publication of statistics underlining the grim situation Poles face as winter approaches.

The state statistical office said food prices rose an average 187 per cent in August, when state controls on retail food prices were lifted, and a further 51 per cent in September.

"I am very scared in this situation and afraid of what is happening," Walesa told the Solidarity advisers meeting in a Warsaw church cellar.

He said Poland would probably have plunged into civil war already if Solidarity had not taken power last month.

Henhouse protest

Nuns lock themselves

DAVENTRY, England, Oct. 7, (AP): Thirteen nuns locked themselves into their henhouse for three hours yesterday to prevent health officials from slaughtering their flock of 3,000 chickens.

The chickens at the Our Lady of the Passion Monastery, 65 miles (100 km) northwest of London, were condemned to be slaughtered by the Ministry of Agriculture on Wednesday after a salmonella victim blamed them for her food poisoning.

An inspection found salmonella in the flock. But the nuns, led by American-born Mother Catherine, from Erlanger, Kentucky, protested that the birds were well cared for and not connected with any outbreak of salmonella poisoning.

"The strain that was found in our chickens has been in chickens since 1913," Mother Catherine said.

"No one has done anything about it because there was no real danger. We will not allow the chickens to be slaughtered," she said.

Richard North, a spokesman for the nuns, said their parish prevented the slaughter. He added that the nuns relied entirely on income from the sale of eggs and that if the chickens were killed, the convent might have to close.

"They (the ministry officials) were formally and officially refused entry and that was why the slaughter did not take place," said North.

wrongfully indicted. "We don't know if he did or didn't do it," Baraka said. (AP)

Abortion polls: A majority of Americans say a woman should have the right to an abortion and oppose new abortion restrictions by the states, according to a Washington Post-ABC news poll.

The poll also indicates that men between age 35 and 44 generally support abortion rights in greater numbers than any other segment of the population, and that women especially those opposed to abortion are more likely to base their vote solely on the issue.

Asked whether a woman should be able to get an abortion if she wants one, no matter what the reason, 54 per cent said yes and 45 per cent said no. (Kuna)

Nursery home catches fire: A fire blamed on candles smoking struck a nursing home in Norfolk, Virginia, while patients were going to sleep, killing nine people and injuring nearly 100 as rescuers rushed dazed patients to safety through halls flooded with choking smoke.

The elderly evacuees, some in bedclothes and some of whom were naked when they were saved, were helped down halls and down ladders as firefighters tackled the blaze, reported at 10:30 pm (0230 GMT) Thursday.

Officer shot in Brooklyn: A police officer was shot yesterday on a Brooklyn street, New York, but his bulletproof vest prevented serious injury, authorities said.

The officer was writing a summons when "he heard a pop and the bullet went through his shirt near the shoulder, penetrating the first layer of his vest," said Sgt. John Clifford, a police spokesman.

The officer was not seriously injured, Clifford said. He was taken to the Kings County Hospital, where he was expected to be released, Clifford said. (AP)

Gibbon heads black marketed: Wild gibbons, along with other protected animals, are being decapitated live so their heads can be sold at a Bangkok market for souvenirs, the nation newspaper is Bangkok, Thailand reported yesterday.

Phairot Suvannakorn, director-general of the forestry department, reacting to the report, told the Associated Press said measures were being taken to stop the blackmarket wildlife trade at a sprawling Bangkok market which does business on weekends.

Space agency denies: The space agency told a federal court yesterday there are no safety reasons for stopping next week's launch of a nuclear-powered probe from the space shuttle and that opponents were spreading "a tale of horrors."

"There is no evidence that these horrors will in fact or are likely to occur," the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told US district judge Oliver Gasch in a court filing.



Walking in air

Wing walker Johnny Kazian goes upside down over Salinas with nothing to hold him but air pressure. At 1,000 ft and at 95 miles-an-hour, he walks the wings with no hidden wires to hold him (Reuters wirephoto)

World News Roundup

Sotheby's loans: Sotheby's in New York loaned Australian businessman Alan Bond half of the record \$53.9 million he paid for Vincent van Gogh's "Tricycles" in 1987, a spokeswoman for the auction house said.

Bond has repaid "significantly more than half" of the approximately \$27 million he borrowed, Sotheby's spokeswoman Diana Levitt said yesterday.

She declined to discuss the terms of the loan but said the auction house has offered loans to its clients for at least 10 years. (AP)

Air balloon crashes: A hot air balloon on a joyflight was dragged across bushland after crashing into a mountainside today in Melbourne, Australia. All six people aboard survived but police said three had serious injuries.

The crash site at Mount Bullengarook, about 50 km (30 miles) northwest of Melbourne, was inaccessible by road and all six were rescued from the balloon's smashed wicker basket and airlifted to hospital by helicopter.

Police and the pleasure ride operators, balloon aloft, refused to give details of the accident, saying only that the balloon made a high-speed landing after hitting air turbulence. (Reuters)

Moulin Rouge turns 100: The days when the Can-Can was at the frontier of sexiness are long gone, but the Moulin Rouge lives on, celebrating its 100th birthday with an extravaganza of caviar, champagne and vintage celebrities.

Paris' oldest cabaret was in fine fettle at its birthday yesterday. Its licensee dancing girls kicked up a storm for a crowd of 900 including Ella Fitzgerald, Jerry Lewis and Lauren Bacall.

The 900 guests paid 3,500 francs, or about \$550, to attend the benefit dinner-show for AIDS research sponsored by the foundation France-Liberte. Beaming her approval throughout was the foundation's president, Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French President. (AP)

Frenchman climbs peak: Frenchman engineer Pierre Beghin, 38, climbed yesterday alone the southern face to the summit of 22,765-foot (8,463m) high Mount Makalu, the world's fifth tallest peak, and descended down safely the north westridge, the Ministry of Tourism in Kathmandu reported.

Quoting a radio message from base camp, the ministry said today the leader of the six-member team, after beginning his ascent from base camp, spent the night of Oct. 4 at the team's second camp at 23,633 feet (7,200 m) and the following day he bivouacked at 26,902 feet (8,200 m).

Beghin launched his assault from this point yesterday at 6:30 am at dawn and reached the summit eight hours later without oxygen. (UPI)

Judge refuses: A judge in Dallas, has denied Randall Dale Adams' request to clear state records of his 1977 capital murder conviction, which was thrown out after the movie "The Thin Blue Line" cast doubt on the evidence.

Judge Larry Baraka said he denied the motion because Adams' attorneys did not prove that he was



Rocking in Tokyo

Australian pop singer Kylie Minogue performs in a concert with dancers at the Tokyo Dome. Thousands of audience enjoyed her songs. (Reuters wirephoto)

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Israel to buy subs

LONDON, Oct 7, (Kuna): West German companies were considering the sale of two advanced submarines to Israel, using an American firm as a "go-between" in the transactions, according to a report here today.

The independent newspaper pointed out that the planned sale of the Dolphin-class vessel comes despite the long-term West German ban on selling weapons to the Middle East.

EC appeals

PARIS, Oct 7, (Reuters): The 12-member European Community (EC) yesterday made a strong appeal to Israel to reopen universities in the occupied territories, shut down since the Palestinian uprising began nearly 22 months ago.

The community and its member states request the Israeli government in the strongest terms to end without delay the closure of the universities and other higher-level educational institutions in the occupied territories," a statement released in Paris said.

Qichen in Iran

CYPRUS, Oct 7, (AP): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met with his Iranian counterpart in Tehran today and voiced his country's backing for full implementation of the ceasefire agreement between Iran and Iraq, the official Islamic Republic news agency reported.

IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, said the Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Qichen discussed the latest developments in China and the Middle East.

Traffickers hanged

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct 7, (AP): Thirty two drug traffickers, including three women, were executed in Iran today, the state media reported.

The drug smugglers were tried by Islamic revolutionary courts which are charged with implementing the tough new laws under an anti-narcotics campaign launched last December, the Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Unannounced visit

AMMAN, Oct 7, (Reuters): A Libyan envoy arrived in Amman on a previously unannounced visit yesterday to discuss Arab developments and ways to improve relations between Libya and Jordan.

The state-run news agency Petra said Major Ali Khoudi Al-Hamidi, a member of Libya's revolutionary command council, brought a message for King Hussein.

Sudan aid

KHARTOUM, Oct 7, (Reuters): The head of Sudan's relief and rehabilitation commission was quoted today as saying 103,000 tonnes of relief aid had been sent to famine-stricken areas of the south since April.

Kamil Showgi said the aid represented 98 per cent of the supplies promised by Operation Lifeline Sudan, an international undertaking to avert starvation in the south, the official Sudanese news agency Sana reported.

Corpses handed over

BEIRUT, Oct 7, (Reuters): Lebanon's Christian forces have handed over to the Red Cross 17 corpses of Druze fighters killed on Christian territory, the Lebanese Red Cross said today.

A Red Cross statement said the bodies of Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militiamen, killed in a major offensive of the six-month-old conflict, were collected yesterday.

Hejaz railway

AMMAN, Oct 7, (AP): The historic Hijaz railway, repeatedly attacked during World War I by the legendary Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab raiders, will again reopen between Damascus and Amman next week after a six-year hiatus, railroad officials said today.

Four trains a month will make the journey in each direction, with the first scheduled to leave Damascus on Thursday morning and return from Amman Friday.

The official Jordan news agency, Petra, quoted railroad director Mohammed Moneidoun Kraishan as saying the resumed service was agreed in July by the two countries' transportation ministers.

Undesirable

TUNIS, Oct 7, (Reuters): Tunisian Islamic leader Sheikh Rached Ghannouchi was asked to leave Cairo because the authorities there considered that his presence was "undesirable", associates in Tunis said yesterday.

They told Reuters that the Egyptian authorities were irritated by remarks made by Ghannouchi at a conference on Islam and nationalism organised in Cairo last month by the Arab Unity Studies Centre.

Khamenei recalls radicals

NICOSIA, Oct 7, (AP): Iran's spiritual leader has reappointed several leading radicals to the Expediency Council set up to resolve differences between Parliament and the conservative Council of Guardians, Iran's official news agency reported yesterday.

But the move by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei appeared to be largely symbolic because the so-called pragmatists led by President Hashemi Rafsanjani will still dominate the council.

Under recent constitutional reforms that have largely eliminated competing power centres in Iran's political system, the Expediency

Council is also believed to have lost some of its importance.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Ahmad Khomeini, son of Iran's late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, former Prime Minister Hussein Musavi and former prosecutor-general Musavi Khoniha were among several prominent Iranians reappointed by Khamenei to the Expediency Council for a three-year term.

All are key radicals opposed to the pragmatists, who include Khamenei, who was elected to succeed Khomeini after his death

on June 3.

The brief Irna despatch indicated that Khamenei has expanded the size of the Expediency Council.

It was established by Khomeini with 13 members in February 1988 to break a logjam of legislation, primarily on economic reforms, passed by the 270-seat Parliament during Musavi's term in office but blocked by the 12-member Council of Guardians.

That is a constitutional watchdog body which has the power to veto legislation it considers does not adhere to Islamic tenets.

UN condemns Israeli killings

OIC questions Tel Aviv's credentials

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 7, (Agencies): The General Assembly yesterday condemned Israel's "killing and wounding of defenceless Palestinian civilians" in revolt in the occupied territories.

A resolution denouncing Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip passed by 140 votes, with only Israel and the United States voting against it. All other Western nations and Japan voted for condemnation.

Six nations abstained: Uruguay, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Zaire, Antigua and Barbuda, and Grenada.

"Conveniently absent from the resolution is any reference to the resort to violence by Palestinian extremists," said Israeli Ambassador Johanan Bein.

Noting that at least 120 Palestinians have been killed by fellow Arabs who accused them of collaborating with Israel, Bein said the residents of the occupied territories: "Indeed they need protection; Palestinian citizens are being slain by PLO terrorists."

Bein denounced the PLO for encouraging an arson campaign to set forest fires in the territories and Israel: "The war by the PLO is against the land itself, and is nothing but wild destruction," he said.

Farouk Khaddoumi, the PLO's foreign secretary, retorted that "Israel claims to be distressed about the trees that are being burned, when children are being killed, and children are being jailed by the thousands."

The second-ranking US ambassador, Alexander F. Watson, explained the negative American vote by saying "resolutions incorporating one-sided and unbalanced rhetoric do not help alleviate the conditions they purport to describe ... such resolutions only deepen divisions, harden positions and poison the atmosphere."

The resolution expresses "profound shock at the continued measures by Israel, the occupying power, including the killing and wounding of Palestinian civilians and the recent action of ransacking the houses of defenceless citizens in the Palestinian town of Beit Sahour."

Israel began tax raids on Beit Sahour on Sept 20, and troops have confiscated at least \$500,000 worth of household goods and machinery.

The mayor of Beit Sahour, Hanna Al Atrash, estimated that 90 per cent of the town has boycotted Israeli taxes.

The General Assembly resolution condemns such practices as "the opening of fire by the Israeli army and settlers that result in the killing and wounding of defenceless Palestinian civilians, the beating and breaking of bones, the deportation of Palestinian civilians," and economic crackdowns.

Islamic foreign ministers have decided to send a letter to the UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar expressing reservations about Israel's UN credentials, according to a statement issued yesterday.

It said ministers of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference, at a meeting on Wednesday, also called for stepped up efforts to ensure international protection for the Palestinian people.

Wanted Israeli offers anti-terror course

WASHINGTON, Oct 7, (AP): An Israeli officer, wanted by Colombia in connection with alleged training of drug-cartel hit squads, is offering US citizens a two-week anti-terrorism course that includes instruction in hostage rescue and sniper techniques.

But the Chicago-based company that is recruiting for the course said yesterday that the first session, scheduled to start in Israel on Nov 25, would probably be cancelled because applicants so far lack the required experience.

Ads that appeared in recent months in journals devoted to military and police issues described the Israeli course as consisting of "all phases of hands-on anti-terrorism training, ending with a helicopter assault to rescue hostages from built-up areas or from aircraft."

The training is being conducted by Hod Hahanit, an Israeli security firm run by reserve Col Yair Klein. Colombia last month issued an arrest warrant for Klein and for another Israeli, accusing them of training drug cartel hit squads.

Klein told police investigating the case in Israel that he trained Colombian farmers to protect themselves against leftist guerrillas and was unaware of any connection to the country's drug lords.

Michael Epstein, who runs a security company called International Association of Airborne Veterans Ltd, said his firm had received the franchise from Hod Hahanit, Hebrew for spearhead, to "run foreigners through the Israeli anti-terrorism training."

UN aid train for Kabul leaves

HELSINKI, Oct 7, (Agencies): The first train to carry UN aid to Afghanistan across Soviet territory left Finland today, officials said.

The train, carrying a \$745,000 consignment including 1,440 tonnes of wheat, prefabricated buildings and two ambulances, began its 5,400 km (3,357 mile) journey from Vainikkala on the Soviet border, said a spokeswoman for the Finnish International Development Agency (Finida).

It is due in Haidrat in northern Afghanistan on Oct 21.

The cargo, part of the United Nations operation Salam project, was donated by Finland. The Soviet Union is paying for its transport, Finida said.

The Soviet Union has previously given humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan through the UN but has never before permitted international aid for the country to cross its territory, an operation Salam spokesman said.

Meanwhile, three health groups of US doctors and two nurses departed today for Peshawar, Pakistan, to treat casualties and refugees from the civil war in Afghanistan.

Drs Robert McConnell, Gerald Seligman and Malcolm Madenwald, all surgeons, will bring modern antibiotics to help treat victims of infection — a common fate in refugee camps where conditions are unsanitary.

The teams plans to spend two weeks at the Afghan surgical hospital in Peshawar, performing operations and assisting displaced Afghan doctors who want to set up a medical school once they return home.

The Seattle physicians also plan to travel to remote camps to treat people who haven't had access to modern medicine for years, but do not plan to cross into Afghanistan because the situation there is still too unstable.

"It's just too dangerous," said Seligman, who is making his first trip to Asia. "Apparently they do have a hospital (in Kabul) where they can go in, but the present political situation doesn't allow it. I personally don't want to take the risk."

"We're 6 miles (10 km) from the Afghan border," said McConnell, who is making his fourth trip to Pakistan. "When the Soviets were in Afghanistan, they didn't want doctors to go into the country, so we stayed on the Pakistani side. We'll remain in Pakistan even now that the Soviets have pulled out, because as surgeons we need to do our work in a hospital, anyway."

"Any of the people we treat in the hospitals and refugee camps have been wounded by Soviet A.K. 47s or bombs or mines," he added.

"Needless to say, these aren't the kinds of injuries we see in our regular jobs, so this is also a learning experience for us. But people are people, and all the members of the team are committed to doing whatever we can to assist the local doctors and surgeons in saving lives."

Kurds blow up Iran pipeline

BAGHDAD, Oct 7, (AP): Kurdish guerrillas blew up a gas pipeline and killed an undisclosed number of Iranian soldiers in attacks in northwestern Iran last week, a guerrilla spokesman claimed today.

Ghafoor Hamza told the Associated Press that fighters of the Iraqi-backed wing of the Kurdish Democratic Party dynamited the pipeline 7.1-2 miles (12 kilometres) east of the city of Mahabad Sept 29, severely damaging it.

He said the pipeline ran from a refinery at Tabriz to the eastern Turkish town of Dogubeyazit. But there was no independent confirmation of the KDP claim from Turkey or Iran, and Mahabad is 110 miles (175 kilometres) south of the direct cross-border route from Tabriz to Dogubeyazit.

China pledges support for UN ceasefire in the Gulf

NICOSIA, Oct 7, (Agencies): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, on the second day of a two-day visit to Tehran, discussed the Gulf war ceasefire with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati today.

Iran's Irna news agency said Qian pledged China's support for the full implementation of the UN Security Council peace resolution that halted the Iran-Iraq war.

The agency said Velayati "lashed out at the Iraqi regime for obstructing resolution 598 and opposing the UN chief's proposals on a simultaneous troop withdrawal and prisoner of war exchange."

In an apparent reference to the awarding of

the Nobel peace prize to the Dalai Lama this week, Irna said Qian "castigated certain foreign powers for their interference in the internal affairs of their country."

"The Chinese foreign minister reiterated that Beijing would never make a compromise over its foreign policy," it said.

In Beijing, the Foreign Ministry denounced the peace prize award, saying it constituted meddling in China's internal affairs and support for separatists.

The Tehran Times said today the establishment of a lasting peace between Iran and Iraq requires more political courage on the part of United Nations Secretary-General Javier

Perez de Cuellar.

The English-language daily said Perez de Cuellar in his latest report to the Security Council took a positive step but "it was hardly enough."

The Security Council approved a six month extension of the UN observer group monitoring the Iran-Iraq ceasefire until March 31, 1990.

"He should have told the United Nations that the majority of the Security Council members, who passed the resolution unanimously, do not favour the implementation of the resolution because of their political interests," the newspaper said.



A Muslim militiaman searches the trunk of a car in the port of Sidon soon after two Swiss International Red Cross workers were kidnapped by gunmen. The Popular Liberation Army that controls Sidon sent scores of its militiamen to search for the two. (Reuters wirephoto)

Relief operations frozen

Red Cross team returns to Sidon

SIDON, Oct 7, (AP): Red Cross officials returned to Sidon today

a day after two Swiss colleagues were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen, but relief operations remained suspended until the men are freed.

"Our operations have been suspended in Sidon pending the release of our two abducted comrades," Mohammed Bizri, Lebanese representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross in south Lebanon's provincial capital, told reporters.

The Red Cross team drove to Beirut, 25 miles (40 kilometres) north, last evening after orthopedic technicians Emanuel Cirsten, 32, and Elio Elizek, 23, were kidnapped in Sidon and driven off toward the nearby Ein El-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp.

In Bern, Switzerland, ICRC spokesman Carlos Bauver told

Swiss radio that the team returned to Sidon this morning.

But he stressed that Red Cross operations in the south were "still frozen."

"Contacts are under way on all levels to help secure the release of the two Swiss officials but we still have no word on their whereabouts or who is holding them," Bizri said.

Friday's abductions raised the number of Westerners missing in Lebanon to 18.

The others are eight Americans, four Britons, two West Germans, an Irishman and an Italian. Most of them are believed to be held by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims.

The longest held is Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press. He was kidnapped March 16, 1985.

No group has claimed responsibility for the abduction of Cirsten and Elizek, the latest in a series targeting humanitarian workers in south Lebanon.

At least 10 relief workers — British, West Germans, Scandinavians, Belgians and Swiss — have been abducted in the region over the last two years.

All but two West Germans, who worked for the Asme-Humanitas relief agency, have been freed.

The PLO, the main group in Ein El-Hilweh, and a Sunni Muslim militia that controls Sidon have vowed to track down the kidnappers.

"We shall leave no stone unturned in the city in the search for the two Swiss men," said a Fatah commando who identified himself only as Amer as he led a search patrol.

Japan provides beacons

Qatar destroys mine

NICOSIA, Oct 7, (Agencies): Qatar's Navy has destroyed a mine found drifting in the Gulf, the Qatari News Agency (QNA) reported today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an armed forces official as saying the mine was discovered about 40 miles northeast of the capital, Doha. It gave no details on when it was destroyed.

Naval patrols in the Gulf have found several mines which apparently drifted away from the war zone between Iran and Iraq.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government yesterday decided to give 710 million yen (\$5 million) in grant aid to three Gulf states — Qatar, Bahrain and Oman — to install navigation systems in the Gulf, the Foreign Ministry said.

The grants totalling 710 million yen (\$5 million) are part of a \$10-million plan announced by Japan in October 1987 to install 24 advanced British-made coastal radar beacons in the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries to help ships determine their locations in the Gulf.

The project originally was part of Japan's contribution to the multinational effort led by the United States to protect ships in the Gulf from attack during the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war.

A United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect Aug 20, last year, but Japanese officials said the navigation systems would still be useful in facilitating safe navigation for merchant vessels.

Japan extended similar co-operation funds to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in July 1988 and a similar navigation system will be provided through Japanese aid to the United Arab Emirates in the future, said a Foreign Ministry official who spoke anonymously.

Japan imports 56 per cent of its oil from Gulf states, according to the government figures.

Iran arms shipment

Airline pleads guilty

MIAMI, Oct 7, (AP): Aer Lingus Airlines has agreed to plead guilty to illegally transporting aircraft parts to Iran and will pay \$1 million in fines and court costs.

A two-count criminal information announced yesterday said the carrier's subsidiary, Aer Lingus Production Export, worked with Miami-based Dane Aircraft Inc., which falsified export documents.

Aer Lingus, the national airline of Ireland, could have faced a maximum \$2-million fine

if convicted of both charges.

US district judge Stanley Marcus must approve the plea agreement at an Oct 25 sentencing hearing.

Turkish police arrested an Iranian cleric for delivering a political sermon during Friday prayers at the Merican mosque, which is frequented by Iranians in exile, a Turkish police official said today.

The official, who requested anonymity, declined to give any other details or name the Iranian.

Trial offer

LONDON, Oct 7, (Reuters): A former Sudanese interior minister, living in exile since the June coup, said he is willing to return to Sudan and stand trial in a civil court.

Mubarak Al Mahdi was quoted by the Saudi-owned newspaper Al-Sharq Al Awsat to day as saying "I am ready to return to Sudan and stand trial if the government accepts the memorandum submitted by the judges and allows cases to be handled by the independent civil court."

He said allegations that the ousted prime minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's government was corrupt was "not based on any legal proof and their aim is political deception."



Nasser's son-greeted

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (right) greets late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser's son, Abdul

Hakim, during a visit to his father's tomb in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

KUWAIT ... GULF

New airport terminal approved

Travel cards to be scrapped

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Kuna): Director of Kuwait International Airport Zohair Al Zamil today announced that a new passenger terminal with a capacity of 5 million passengers a year is to be built.

Zamil, speaking to Kuna, affirmed that a budget for the project, which includes construction of hangars, catering, communications and services facilities, was approved.

Zamil pointed out that arriving and departing passengers in and from Kuwait International Airport during 1988 reached 2,753,368.

He attributed the increase in passengers to the development of air traffic among the Gulf countries on one hand and the Arab countries on the other in addition to the halt of the Gulf war.

He said departure fees that have been collected since April 1 reached KD2 million by the end of August.

Zamil indicated that renovation of the airport restaurants and VIP lounge is under way.

About flights delay due to security measures, he said most of the time there is no delay but there are times that intensive

security measures have to be taken and this would cause some delay.

He indicated that among key difficulties they encounter is ignorance of passengers on airport and flight regulations.

Zamil pointed to the existence of a law that protects passengers against fraud and negligence of travel agencies.

Meanwhile the director of exits department at the General Administration of Immigration Affairs Col. Mohammed Al Subaie has said that the department is planning to do away with the present system of cards that passengers fill at airport or

border centres. The relevant authorities are now storing data and information in the computer as a prelude to dispensing with these cards. Studies are being undertaken to determine time that passengers should wait when they leave or arrive without these cards, he said.

Subaie pointed out that authorities have a plan to develop work procedures at the land border centres by using the latest technological equipment and expansion of buildings. The plan is expected to be carried out within the next three years, he said.

MPH begins Aids testing course at laboratories

A TRAINING course on the modalities of undertaking medical examinations of Aids patients was started in Kuwait yesterday. The course which is the second of its kind is organised by the Ministry of Public Health in co-operation with the regional bureau of World Health Organisation (WHO) — Mediterranean region based in Alexandria (Egypt). WHO selected Kuwait in 1986 to be an assisting centre in the field of Aids examinations in the region.

The course to last until Oct. 11 is being attended by delegations from Oman, Qatar, Syria, UAE, Afghanistan and Kuwait. The sessions and lectures are being held at the virus laboratory of the Health Ministry, the Central Blood Bank lab and the assisting lab of WHO at the Faculty of Medicine of Kuwait University. Participants will study the latest medical and scientific methods used in field of Aids examinations and latest methods of prevention of the disease.

Meanwhile, the head of the school health and awareness development in Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health Dr Hussain Al Momen has said that the Anti-Trachoma Programme adopted by the department had proved significantly successful in fighting the disease.

In an interview with a local daily, Momen stated that the programme's enforcement had reduced casualties to seven per cent while casualties recorded by World Health Organisation (WHO) team in 1961 amounted to 80 per cent.

He added that the Anti-Trachoma Programme had been evaluated last year through a field study and had confirmed the effectiveness of medicaments used in preventing this disease in pupils at schools. He confirmed that his department is striving to overcome the problem among children in the primary stage.

The application of the programme this year will coincide with an awareness programme for parents.

Momen described the complications of trachoma as dangerous and commented that it could cause blindness. He called on parents to co-operate with the School Health and Awareness Department to achieve the targeted objectives.

On the other hand, the official announced that his department will inoculate scholarship students against the liver fluke adding that people working in areas related to food and dental clinics will also be subject to the inoculation.

KLU celebrates silver jubilee

KUWAIT Labourers Union will celebrate the silver jubilee of the foundation of the union on Oct. 31. The head of the committee set up to celebrate the occasion Musallam Al Barak has said that Kuwait Labourers Union gained significant status at the local, Arab and international levels during the last 25 years. He added that celebrations will last for one week. The celebrations will start with artistic shows, opening of a documentary exhibit about the union, and a speech festival.

A seminar will be held on the second day of the festival on the role of popular organisation in supporting national unity. Another seminar about the role of these organisations in facing decisions of the International Monetary Fund will be held on the third day.



Its back breaking work, but life goes on.

Families eking out a living from garbage

How the other side lives

A 75-YEAR-OLD lady was reported dead two months after her body was found under a pile of garbage. Medical reports indicated that the old lady was run over by a heavy duty tractor used for garbage burial. The body was found at the garbage disposal site in Juleeb Al Shiyoukh area on the Seventh Ring Road. Investigations still continue with the tractor driver.

A local daily followed up this report and visited the same garbage disposal site where surprisingly there are large numbers of young children. What really catches the eye is that there are no men there, despite the fact that to be able to enter this desert area, one should have four wheel drive vehicle because of the rough difficult terrain. Is it poverty that pushes these people to look for a living in garbage dumps?

It seems that these people understand the real value of garbage and scrap, therefore they dig in deep into really smelly stuff to extract scraps of value that might be found.

Meanwhile, they forget and neglect what they may be exposed to, like diseases which they may be infected with and then transfer these to society at large. Most of these people search for clothes and then clean and re-sell them at the Friday market, others come and buy them without knowing where they come from.

Are these the real reasons or are there other reasons that push a mother for instance to bring her children with her each morning to search inside garbage piles to pick up scrap iron, and other metals, also vehicle batteries, empty cans, second hand clothes and every other thing which may bring them money.

Here is what some mothers and children had to say when interviewed at Juleeb Al Shiyoukh garbage disposal site. Rahifa T., a mother and a wife, said her husband works in the army at a small salary which is really not sufficient to make ends meet. Expenses include house rent and the cost of schooling for her children. She added that she is forced to bring her children with her to collect scrap metal and empty cans to resell them. She said that one kilogramme of scrap metal is resold at KD.250. She said that she has to bring all of her children to the site to be able to get them through school.

Her oldest daughter had to quit school because the family couldn't afford it, she added. "We cannot find any other

source but, garbage piles to obtain money," she stressed. She said that Allah will protect her children because they really need the money. Not going to the garbage dump would mean that her children cannot go to school any more, she said.

Rahifa indicated that her children go to school during the evening and that they go to the dump each morning and leave by Zohr prayers when her husband comes to take them home in his pickup truck. She added that when they work collectively and therefore end up with large amounts of empty cans and other metal scrap. They are able to run fast when municipality patrols come to inspect the area, she stated.



There are dangers of course!

Her daughter, Kafya who is 13 years old indicated that she left school when she was at the first primary grade because there was not enough money to cover her education. School cost her family nearly KD400 annually.

On the other hand, Mohammed said that he is a student at the fourth intermediate grade and that his school begins in the afternoons. He added that he has nine brothers and his father is unemployed for the time being. He wakes up very early every morning to collect old clothes from the garbage dump site and then resells them at the Friday market. One item is sold at 300 fils.

Awadh A., a student in the fourth intermediate grade said that he goes to the site to collect anything which may be resold. Frankly, he said the garbage dump is full of everything that may come to mind like, metal scrap, and good chairs "sometimes we find complete living room sets, in addition to new clothes, electrical appliances, and cars batteries, everything here has a price," he said. One battery has a price of 500 fils and one living room set can be sold for KD10,000. Some of the things are sold by piece and others are sold by the kilogramme.

Kareema said that she feels embarrassed to talk about her situation, but added that if this will help her she will talk. She said that her husband is married to another woman and that she is a mother of 13 children. She does not receive any money from her husband, and she turned to sifting garbage so that she could live with respect.

She added that she searched for work everywhere but, unfortunately did not find anything.

"Frankly, I am sifting through garbage to be able to feed my children," she stated.

Meanwhile, Mohammed said that his little hungry brothers are the reason he goes to the site. He is a student and is still in school but, he travels to garbage dump before school hours to search for car batteries, and scrap metals particularly iron. He indicated that a battery is sold at 500 fils. Sometimes he collects ten batteries a day and on other days even more than that.

Mohammed, who is 11 years old said that his father takes him to the garbage dump each day and leaves him there with empty bags to be able to fill them with anything that may be of value. He added that his father works

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Construction projects form the core of the national budget, due to the close relation of construction projects to the national economy and social development. Consequently it is imperative to set the sale of priority to identify urgent projects in line with the approved government programme, taking into consideration the volume of the proposed projects and the potentials and capabilities of the executing agencies.

The preparation of the draft construction budget would take into consideration the completion of projects under construction and those in the pipeline for tendering. New vital projects could be proposed for study and the needed allocations approved, giving priority to the completion of main services in populated areas. This will be particularly related to those involving power, water, roads, telecommunications, education, health and security projects, in the light of approvals under the five-year plan.

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Projects are core of state budget

By Jamal Ameen

IN the course of a lecture recently, the budgeting expert at the Ministry of Planning Mohammad Al Bishr spoke of the preparation of the national budget, preparation of the construction budget, budget endorsement, financial control of expenditures under the budget and follow-up of execution of construction projects.

He started by outlining the strategy and objectives of the upcoming national development plan, in which the main emphasis would centre on the building of the Kuwaiti individual, redress the population balance, realise social homogeneity and enhance the economic base.

He pointed out that the government action was not profit-oriented but was aimed at performing a number of public services for society, whether for free or in return for symbolic fees, whereby the cost would be paid from oil revenues.

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Confusion of names on ban list to be solved

All data being computerised

SPECIAL committees have been assigned to establish positive means of identification of those persons whose names appear on travel bans, according to directives from the Minister of Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

To ensure that no innocent people are mistakenly implicated in the process, the problem of similarity in names will soon disappear, Col. Mohammad Ibrahim Al Subai, director of Kuwaiti exits at the General Department for Immigration Affairs said.

A high-committee has also been formed for this purpose which is waiting to proceed with the work on instructions of the minister. The process includes entering names of those banned from travelling into the department's computer, including data such as the mother's name, the person's ID-card number, number of residence permit etc. The problem has been drastically reduced through the efforts of the department, including a large list of names having been already cancelled.

Travel bans are delivered to the department and then to border-check points in the form of official letters of notification, such as those banned from travelling for reasons of compulsory conscription and those who are involved in investigative procedures or legal cases. The department feeds those names into the mainframe computer. The passport official would immediately tell if a certain person fell in the category of those banned from leaving the country once their names appear on the screen, at which time the person concerned would be denied access out or even get arrested as indicated along the name.

Renewals

It is no longer possible for Kuwaiti travellers to renew their expired passports at the border check-points, the official said. This task would only be performed by the Department of Nationality and Travel Documents, he added.

He also said that the total number of people arriving into the country over the first six months of this year, was 843,812 and that the number of those who left the country during the same period was 961,132.

He expressed readiness to entertain any public complaint involving cases of ill-treatment of passengers at the country's check-points, pointing out that all officers and officials appointed by the department were selected carefully. No such cases of mistreatment had been referred to authorities as yet.

Subai said that the department uses women inspectors at the country's exits who have been extremely helpful in searching women passengers and that it was officially approved by the Department of Legal Advice and Legislation. The intention is to assign women inspectors at the border check-points would be executed following the proposed expansion of these facilities.

All buildings of the border check-points had been ordered expanded by the Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah who offered relentless attention to work progress in this sector and new buildings were also ordered constructed by H.H. the Crown Prince and Prime Minister during his recent visit to the area.



Sarah... optimistic.



Mercado... planning.

Nostalgia Filipina '89

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) in collaboration with the Philippine embassy will hold their Philippine Community Day on November 24, 1989. This is the biggest event for all the Filipinos in Kuwait. All Filipinos are welcome to join in the celebration of the Community Day which will have entertainment from the better Filipino talent in town. Valuable prizes await the lucky guests during the raffle on the programme. The theme of this year's celebration is Nostalgia Filipina.

Manny Inserto, Kapilku president sees that this year's celebration will bring closer ties and enhance unity among Filipinos in Kuwait. Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs Sarah Macarimbang is the chairperson of the affair. Macarimbang who is known for her hard work and versatility in handling all the social and cultural activities of the association is very optimistic that this year's

biggest event for Kapilku will be an affair to remember. Jun Mercado who is the vice-chairperson of the occasion will assist Macarimbang in ensuring the smooth organisation of the project. His proven experience as an organiser coupled with good planning will be an asset to the project. Finance attaché Thelma Amador Saniel of the Philippine embassy is the production consultant of the affair.

She will do her best in making this project a milestone for all the Filipinos in Kuwait. Charge d'Affaires and Consul-General Olivia Palala, atty. Louie Cortel, legal officer and attaché and Bert Marin, labor attaché are the advisors of the project.

Deadline for submission of entries for the Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait will be on Friday, October 13.

For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang — Tel No. 4843447 or Jun Mercado — Tel No. 4899478.

Demolition of old unsafe houses on

IN keeping with the pace of urban development and in order to beautify the island the government of Bahrain has begun demolition proceedings to get rid of all old, dilapidated and unsafe houses in the country.

In recent years there has been a tremendous boom in the real estate market here. A number of open spaces or plots in major towns have been put to use by owners both in the government and private sectors to build modern structures for residential and commercial purposes. Nearly everyday building complexes, including houses and shopping centres, are being constructed in prime properties in and around urban centres in the country.

The government has implemented a plan to eradicate all old structures, including private houses, in the country which are too old and unsafe for dwelling. In this respect authorities have appealed to both the general public and the landlords to come forward and report about the state of any old buildings or houses which may pose a potential danger to tenants as well as the pedestrians on the roads.

Owners of old houses are entitled to compensation from the government after their buildings are demolished. Such compensation is usually given in the form of cash or land allocation. Authorities are now busy compiling a list of all old and unsafe houses in the country. According to officials Muharrag, which is separated from the capital Manama by a causeway, has most of the island's old houses, some dating back to the beginning of this century. So far about 120 houses have been earmarked by the Central Municipal Council in this once great sea-faring town for demolition. Most of these houses have been built with limestone and mud, raw materials used for building houses during the pearl fishing era in the early part of the century. However, most of these structures are crumbling and pose a safety hazard to occupants.

Some old houses in Muharrag, including Syadi house belonging to a prominent pearl merchant and the House of Sheikh Ali, a former headquarters of the ruling family, have become national landmarks and are preserved.

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New aspects of religious fanaticism on French TV

PARIS, Oct. 7. (Kuna): Experts and representatives of the three major religions in France met here in a television show to discuss new aspects of fanaticism associated with religion in the 1980's.

The experts were representing the Muslim, Catholic and Jewish faiths in the show last night on "Antenne 2" network. All agreed that the message of the three religions were devoted by this new form of fanaticism.

The Rushdie affair, the Irish crisis, the rise of Schism in Catholicism, the growth of Jewish fanaticism in the Israeli occupied lands were exemplified and examined by the participants of the programme.

Kuwait-based Lebanese sociologist, Dalal Al Bizi, head of the Arab League Mission Hammadi Al Seid, representing the Muslim community agreed that fanaticism in the Middle East is a product of an ideological vacuum that came out in the last decade.

Bizi, whose son was kidnapped in Beirut before he fled with his mother to Kuwait, said the new form of fanaticism which surfaced in the past two decades far from represents the real message of Islam.

Tolerance

"The message of the Prophet is a message of tolerance and love for all people, a message that calls for caring for neighbours, assisting the poor and feeding the hungry," she said, "and not one for taking hostages."

On the demonstration by Muslims in Paris last spring calling for the death of British writer Salman Rushdie, Seid said a thousand demonstrators are a minority in the three million Muslim community in France.

He said France should not be concerned with Islamic fanaticism on its territories and should not take the anti-Rushdie demonstration as a tool to discriminate against the Muslim community here.

Turning to modern Catholic fanaticism, the show took its cue from the death of British writer Salman Rushdie, Seid said a thousand demonstrators are a minority in the three million Muslim community in France.

The interviewees expressed their dismay at the absence of a king in France who would be the highest religious authority in the land.

The advocates of the restoration of the monarchy are often associated with extreme right groups like the National Front Movement of racist leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen.

The rising influence of the group of Catholic fanatics was apparent in last August's 15th religious ceremony when 50,000 of them walked in the streets of Paris singing praise to the "martyred" kings of France.

In the occupied lands, the strongest forms of Jewish fanaticism were found, especially among Israelis who oppose any potential Israeli withdrawal from that land.

In the settlement of "Karyat Arba" in the occupied lands, the principal of a Talmud school, Guy Bin Said and his wife Denise talked of their willingness to fight any attempt to withdraw after a peace agreement is signed with the Arabs.

"This is our land and not Jaafa and Tel Aviv," claimed Bin-Said while brandishing an "Uzi" sub-machine-gun on his side. "This is what the Torah tells us."

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I BELIEVE in the discipline of silence and can talk for hours about it — George Bernard Shaw, English playwright (1856-1950).

OPINION

All the eyes on Taif meeting

THE debate in the Saudi Arabian mountain town of Taif, where the deputies have been meeting, has evoked lively interest among all Lebanese people who are eager to follow-up and know the results of the meetings of their parliamentarians.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz has spared no efforts in bringing about this meeting. These efforts should not be wasted and Lebanese deputies should achieve what the Lebanese people aspire — the end to the civil war, end to its political crisis, and the departure of all foreign invading forces from Lebanon.

We do not want to be bound by that perennial question which science has as yet not answered: which came first — the egg or the chicken? Translated, this relates to which comes first — expelling the invading forces before or after having an internal settlement.

If there is a genuine desire to ask the foreign forces to leave Lebanon, there are many ways to reach a solution, unless somebody is erecting barriers intended to avert a solution, in which case salvation will be impossible.

Saudi Arabia has succeeded in gathering the Lebanese deputies in Taif. The question is whether this gathering is being wished success or not? If there are good intentions there will be success, if not, there will be failure.

Those who have the keys of success or failure should understand that powers which work to abort this meeting stand exposed. People are no longer cheated by the diplomatic expressions of these powers.

We reiterate that the failure of this meeting with the continuation of the civil war will have adverse reflections beyond Lebanon. This war will also goad other parties to intervene in Lebanon — a scenario we do not desire.

We are indeed sorry to learn that some Lebanese politicians proceeded to Iran to encourage it to take on a more active role and have stronger presence and power in Lebanon.

The Iraq-Iran war has stopped and many parties lost due to the stoppage. These parties should understand that they will also lose from the continuation of the civil war in Lebanon. Lebanon witnessed a "hot war" for 45 days, but it failed to weaken the steadfastness of the Lebanese.

We wish the Taif meeting every success, failing which, it will have repercussions on those who worked to bring about its downfall in the mistaken belief that they can misguide people by their political and diplomatic manoeuvrings.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Winds of detente are no breeze

AS far as Japan's defence authorities are concerned, the winds of detente in East-West relations are barely a breeze.

In a just-released annual "white paper," the Japan Defence Agency (JDA) questions the sincerity of Soviet disarmament proposals while accusing Moscow of pursuing continued strengthening of its military forces. The report points to a growing "threat to Japan" from Soviet military forces deployed in the Far East.

The tough line of the defence report is designed, analysts say, to justify a continued substantial hike in defence spending, which the agency seeks. In August the agency submitted a proposed budget for next year which calls for 6.35 per cent growth in an almost \$30 billion budget.

The defence plans are being challenged, however, by the resurgent Japan Socialist Party, which emerged from parliamentary elections last July as the leader of an opposition coalition.

"In this age of detente, we will reverse a political trend from military expansion to one favouring peace and disarmament, with the key word being 'common security'," Socialist leader Takako Doi said.

Ms Doi presented a new policy platform for a coalition trend which pledges to respect the existing US-Japan Security Treaty but advocates eventual withdrawal of United States bases from Japan and suspension of joint military exercises. The Socialists would retain the Self-Defence Forces (as the military is called) for the purpose of defending Japanese territory but would limit spending to less than one per cent of gross national product (close to the current level).

The Socialists presented their stance as a move towards the centre, discarding a long-standing policy to abolish the security pact and practice "unarmed neutrality." But opinion polls show most Japanese do not support those views.

While the relative moderation of the Socialist policy has been welcomed, the new platform would severely limit the security alliance with the US. Doi called for adherence to Japan's three non-nuclear principles of not producing, possessing, or introducing nuclear weapons in Japan.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1843 — Anglo-Chinese commercial treaties confirm Treaty of Nanking.
- 1858 — "Arrow incident" — in which ship flying British flag is boarded by Chinese, provoking second Anglo-Chinese war.
- 1895 — Queen of Korea is assassinated with Japanese connivance.
- 1903 — United States and China sign commercial treaty.
- 1912 — Montenegro declares war on Turkey.
- 1934 — Bruno Hauptmann is indicted on murder charge in death of infant son of US aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh.
- 1939 — Germany incorporates western Poland into Third Reich in World War II.
- 1954 — Communist Vietnamese forces occupy Hanoi.
- 1961 — Prince Souvanna Phouma is chosen premier of new provisional coalition government in Laos.
- 1975 — Heavy fighting in Beirut and northern Lebanon takes at least 25 lives and shatters latest truce between warring Christians and Muslims.
- 1978 — Israeli cabinet decides to send its entire seven-member Ministerial Defence Committee to renewed peace talks with Egypt in Washington, DC.
- 1984 — China announces plan to make primary school education compulsory by year 1990 and eradicate adult illiteracy by 1995.
- 1987 — Tamil militants kill at least 24 people, most of them Sinhalese, as Indian peacekeeping troops fan out to quell violence in northern and eastern Sri Lankan provinces.
- 1988 — At least seven people are reported killed in clashes between rioters and security forces in Algeria's western port city of Oran.

Moscow reduces aid to Third World Marxists

Great Soviet military retreat

MIKHAIL Gorbachev appears to be presiding over an unprecedented Soviet military retreat from the Third World.

He has pulled Soviet troops out of Afghanistan, approved Cuba's agreement to withdraw from Angola, and encouraged Vietnam's impending departure from Cambodia. Gorbachev has also drastically reduced Soviet aid to Marxist revolutionaries elsewhere.

This retrenchment, however, does not mean Gorbachev is no longer interested in the Third World. In fact, he continues to pursue important military objectives there just as his predecessors did.

Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev had basically two military goals in the Third World. The first was the reduction of United States military access to Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The second was the mirror image of the first: the expansion of Soviet military access to these regions.

The most important means by which previous Soviet leaders — especially Brezhnev — pursued these goals was through support for Marxist revolution. When successful, Marxist revolution could achieve both goals. A new Marxist regime would immediately expel any Western presence, and such a regime would often seek to establish close military ties with Moscow and its allies.

This policy was extremely successful. The West lost its military facilities in every Third-World country in which Marxist revolution occurred. And the Soviets or their allies acquired bases in many of them, including Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Afghanistan, South Yemen, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

But by the time Gorbachev came to power, it was evident that Moscow's success in expanding its military presence in the Third World was causing problems for the Soviets. Increasing intervention by the Soviet Union and its allies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America during the 1970s contributed to the breakdown of detente and arms control negotiations. In addition, many of the new Marxist Third-World regimes were unable to quell domestic opposition. As in Afghanistan, Angola, and Cambodia, an extremely costly, long-term military commitment was needed just to keep them in power.

While Brezhnev may have hoped that Marxist revolution in one country would increase the prospects for revolution in the neighbouring states, this seldom occurred. In fact, where revolution did take place, the neighbouring countries often turned to the US and the West for military support. The successful extension of Soviet military access to some countries through revolution then frequently led to increased US military access to neighbouring states.

Gorbachev has recognized the problems that resulted from Moscow's effort to extend Soviet military access to the Third World. His reduction of Soviet aid to revolutionary signals that he sees little advantage for Moscow in acquiring additional weak Marxist allies. Withdrawals from Afghanistan, Angola, and Cambodia indicate that he does not place a high value on retaining bases in these countries — at least, not at the cost retaining them would require.

This, however, does not mean Gorbachev is willing to abandon all his Third-World Marxist allies. He has shown no willingness to give up Soviet military access to Vietnam, South Yemen, Ethiopia, or Cuba. Nevertheless, Gorbachev has largely abandoned the goal of extending Soviet influence through support for revolution.

This does not mean Gorbachev has abandoned the goal of reducing American military access to the Third World. Virtually every one of Gorbachev's regional peace proposals (for Asia and the Pacific, the Arabian Gulf, the Indian Ocean, and elsewhere) would, if accepted, result in a greatly diminished US presence in that region.

Despite glasnost and improved Soviet-American relations, Soviet diplomacy and propaganda continue to portray the US as the enemy of the Third World as well as the USSR. Brezhnev also tried to convince non-Marxist Third-World states of this. He largely failed because these governments saw Moscow supporting Marxist revolutionaries trying to overthrow other non-communist regimes.

Since Gorbachev has drastically reduced support for revolution, his efforts to improve relations with non-Marxist Third-World governments have been more successful. While he has not yet succeeded in influencing any government to expel the US, his diplomacy has helped raise the issue of whether military co-operation with Washington should continue in strategically important countries such as the Philippines, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and

Kenya.

The danger, of course, is that Gorbachev's diplomatic campaign may eventually succeed in substantially reducing US military access to the Third World. If it does, the Soviets will be in a much better position to reassert and expand their own influence there later.

However, there are important obstacles which Gorbachev's diplomacy faces. So long as Third-World countries have conflicting interests, one party to a dispute is always likely to seek US assistance if the other side receives Soviet help.

It is, of course, possible that non-Marxist Third-World governments will decide that close military ties to the US are necessary, if Moscow's policy toward them is friendly. The problem for Moscow, however, is that if these states see Soviet behaviour become threatening again, they could quickly turn back to the US for protection. The success of Gorbachev's policy depends on maintaining a non-threatening Soviet posture over the long term; not just for a short period, Gorbachev's aim of reducing American military access to the Third World, then, will not be achieved easily. (CSM).



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

Baltic republics agitate for freedom

IF Poland can shrug off the reins from Moscow, why not the Baltic republics of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania?

The question seems reasonable enough. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has urged his people to speak out; he has talked of advancing democracy. The problem with doing that is that various people in the Soviet Union's 15 union republics, 18 autonomous republics, 23 autonomous provinces, and 48 autonomous regions have taken him at his word and are agitating for far greater freedom from Moscow; in some cases, even, independence.

Gorbachev has unleashed passions that are bubbling dangerously away among the eight million people of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania in particular.

This past weekend such problems obliged him to address the USSR on television in sombre mood. He talked of the threat of "approaching chaos... a threatened coup, and even of civil war," but warned Soviets not to fall for such dire rumours. Instead he urged them to continue along the road to "planned change."

It seems clear that Gorbachev is badly rattled by the extent of nationalist dissidence in his country from ethnic minorities. While prepared to permit some relaxation of Soviet control, he is not going to allow secession and independence.

His television speech seemed to carry an implicit

warning against such action. He is not about to preside over the dissolution of the USSR. Poland may have its freedom, but the Baltic states are quite different. Poland is beyond Germany, but the Baltic states are the borderlands of the USSR. Moreover, their loss would provide explosive ammunition to Gorbachev's hard-line critics within the USSR who think glasnost and perestroika have gone too far and who blame Gorbachev's adventurist policies for stirring ethnic unrest.

Losing chunks of the USSR could cause Gorbachev's downfall. Thus there have been blunt warnings to vocal nationalists in the Baltic states that if they press Moscow's patience too far, Soviet troops may rumble in to put a violent end to independence talk.

In the current issue of "Foreign Affairs," an American expert on the USSR, Gail Lapidus of the University of California, suggests that Gorbachev came to power ill-prepared to deal with the nationalities problem. By contrast with his predecessors, his political career had not included a stint in a non-Russian republic. He was impatient and insensitive to ethnic feelings, preoccupied by what he considered the larger question of economic reform. Professor Lapidus suggests that the explosion of ethnic nationalism caught Gorbachev initially by surprise. Now he has become increasingly concerned and recognizes that it stands "at the heart of

the issue of reform itself."

Gorbachev is caught, she argues, "between contending forces pressing for and against major changes in nationality policies." His strategy appears to be to build a coalition between reformist elements at the centre and moderates in the various republics and regions around the country. It is a delicate balancing act and one which will require all of Gorbachev's political skills.

If he offers too much liberalisation he may lose a number of states and his political head as well. If he offers too little, he may foment an uprising that would blow the USSR apart.

It is a dilemma for the United States too. Gorbachev has offered increasing hope for the relaxation of world tension. President George Bush has said he would like to see Gorbachev's reformist policies succeed. Bush does not want to see all this halted because Gorbachev is deposed in an explosion over the nationalities issue.

But on the other hand, the US can hardly be seen as condoning Soviet rule over people who clearly do not wish to be governed by the Soviets. A contradiction exists between enthusiasm for Poland's liberation, while remaining mute on Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

Small wonder that in capitals around the world there is grimmest as ethnic minorities test and challenge Moscow's will for change. (CSM).

Repression drives East Germans West

HUGE red banners proclaiming the triumphs of four decades of socialism flap in the breeze outside the austere Communist Party headquarters in East Berlin.

But as it prepares for an extravagant two-day celebration of its 40th anniversary, East Germany is in turmoil.

A generation of East Germans reared on socialist principles is deserting the country in droves, saying their homeland is unbearable. Dissidents who have stayed behind are digging in for a long struggle for democratic reforms in one of Eastern Europe's most tightly-controlled societies.

The desperation of many East Germans was underlined this week in Dresden, where thousands of people shouting "we want out" swarmed the train station hoping to jump on trains carrying refugees to the West.

They battled riot police, and some of the would-be emigrants were bloodied and badly hurt in the melee.

East Germany's aging leaders have rejected calls for reforms. While the country's economy remains the envy of their East bloc neighbours, frustration is mounting because virtually every facet of life is controlled by the state.

"I had to join Communist Youth League and other organizations or I never would have been allowed to study, to get a degree or get a good job," said a 30-year-old chemist.

"We're treated like children and patronized by petty officials who do everything but tell us when to go to the bathroom."

The mass flight to the West is the main topic for those left behind.

"The place is falling apart, and for good reason," said a 39-year-old truck driver from East Berlin.

"For years they told us to work hard, that things would get better. But it was a terrible lie. After a while you ask yourself what this is all for because it's getting worse, not better," he said.

Many are outraged at the way East Germany's state-run news media, the official organs of the Communist Party and its doctrine, have portrayed daily life in the country and the resulting flight of refugees West.

"The gap between reality and what is officially said has grown too great," said a 25-year-old East Berlin engineering student. "It used to be just a joke, now it's an outrage that people are finding more and more difficult to tolerate."

He called the 40th anniversary celebrations "an empty farce and an insult to everyone's intelligence."

The exodus of thousands of East Germans across Hungary's newly-open border and the desperate flight of thousands more to West Germany's embassies in Czechoslovakia and Poland has embarrassed the hardline government.

Those who have fled say they can no longer endure the nation's restrictions on travel to the West, its intolerance toward dissent and pluralism and an economy that is still fraught with shortages and distribution problems.

Many of their compatriots left behind agreed in interviews with the Associated Press in East Berlin. They spoke on Thursday, but declined to be identified by name because they feared reprisals.

Although East Germans enjoy the highest standard of living in the Warsaw Pact, there are signs that the economy is slowing down.

East Germans still wait for up to 15 years for a new car and 10 years for a new apartment. Censorship is all-pervasive, as are agents of the

state security forces.

Human rights activists and environmental groups are regularly harassed and their members detained. The government recently rejected a petition by an opposition group to legally meet on the grounds that it harboured "anti-state ideas."

Most of East Germany's prominent authors can only publish in West Germany.

Life is the toughest outside the capital, East Berlin, where communists authorities have invested millions of dollars to help it compete with the glitter of capitalist West Berlin.

Residents in Dresden and Leipzig and other provincial cities trudge through dreary neighbourhoods where once elegant turn-of-the-century buildings have crumbled almost beyond repair.

While rents and public transportation are inexpensive — a tram ride still costs about the same as it did 40 years ago — the heavy government subsidies needed to keep prices low mean there is less money for repairs.

But for many East Germans, their isolation from the rest of the world frustrates them the most.

East Germany built the Berlin Wall in 1961 to halt the flow of highly-trained workers emigrating West in record numbers.

Travel to the West is still strictly limited and the recent refugee exodus from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland has brought unprecedented new travel restrictions even to these Soviet bloc allies.

"They're drawing the noose tighter and tighter," said a 38-year-old secretary who works in an East Berlin government office.

"People are already furious about what's going on here. Something's got to change soon or it's going to explode."

African veterans remember

World War II still lives on

FIFTY-years-ago, when World War Two erupted in Europe, Bildad Kagga left his peaceful African village to fight for the white man.

He returned with inspiration to launch another war for freedom — the Mau Mau struggle against Kenya's British rulers.

Kagga and millions of other Africans served in a war they did not understand, but unleashed a force which transformed Africa and hastened the demise of colonialism.

Now 67 and sporting a bushy grey beard, the former nationalist leader says World War Two gave African soldiers a fresh perspective of the outside world.

"We were led to believe Europeans were superior," Kagga told Reuters from a small storefront in Gaichanguru, 75 km (50 miles) northeast of the capital Nairobi, where he runs a maize milling business.

"But we (who served in the war) had evidence that the European is just like us. He was killed in the war, we saw him working in every job we did," said Kagga, who had never been outside Kenya before he went to Cairo in 1940.

Kenya, along with Egypt, South Africa and Sierra Leone, was a vital base from which the allies guarded trade routes and supply lines of war material.

By the last year of the war, 400,000 African soldiers were serving the British alone. Millions of others were marching in French and Italian armies and boosting war-time production by labouring on plantations and public works.

But after the war, having risked their lives to help free Europe from fascism, African soldiers came home to countries where they needed passes to travel and were denied the right to vote.

Kagga said that while serving abroad he got the same pay as whites of the same rank. He was shocked to return to post-war Kenya where blacks still got less.

He quit the army and joined a radical nationalist faction which believed that only guerrilla war would convince the British to hand over power to Africans.

"It was the courage we got from the war which made us go into struggle... the people who were here, they couldn't think they could defeat the Europeans," Kagga said.

Kagga served on the clandestine central committee of Mau Mau until 1952 when the authorities declared an emergency and detained him and other nationalists, including Jom Kenyatta, who later became Kenya's first president.

At the same time, nationalism spread throughout the continent and European rulers faced uprisings in Madagascar, Algeria, Ivory Coast and Cameroon.

Kagga, who worked initially as a war-time registration clerk, says that most Kenyans who served in the King's African Rifles were pressured by local chiefs, if not conscripted outright.

One unwilling recruit later advanced through the ranks to lead all of Kenya's armed forces.

"I never wanted to be a soldier," General Jackson Mwangi, former Kenyan armed forces chief of staff, told Nairobi's Nation newspaper.

He said he had gone to town as an 18-year-old in 1940 to sell a chicken and buy a pair of shorts when a recruiting officer grabbed him.

"Nobody bothered to explain what was going on. All we knew was that Britain, our employer, was fighting her enemies," recalled Mwangi.

Africans, some who had never been out of mud-hut villages, encountered strange lands and modern technology.

"I had never been inside a plane or ship and the experience of being inside those things was unbelievably overwhelming," another World War II veteran, M'Kabui M'Anamba of Kenya, told the Nation.

Kagga's comrades fought in the battle of Tripoli, but most African soldiers served in supporting units, driving trucks, cooking food, waving flags in semaphore units and singing in army bands.

Kenya served as a staging ground for the allies to push Italy out of Ethiopia and Somalia, the only major war theatre in sub-Saharan Africa.

World War II is still known as the "Italian war" by old Kenyans who eschew clocks, calendars and dates but recall important events in their lives in relationship to the war.

World War I is regarded as the "German war" because at that time fighting centred in the neighbouring German colony of Tanganyika, now independent Tanzania.

After Kenya independence in 1963, Kagga served in parliament but kept his fighting spirit. He fell out with President Kenyatta when he joined the only opposition party in Kenya's history — the Kenya People's Union — which was banned in 1969. He has eschewed politics ever since.

What if World War II had never touched his life?

"I would have lived like the other people here," he said softly, peering at a barefoot schoolboy outside. (Gaichanguru, Kenya — AP).

Quote me

"I do not believe that we can move forward with our peace plan unless it becomes clear to the Palestinians, to Egypt and to our greatest friend, the United States, that Israel has one peace plan and Israel is standing firm on this plan." — Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon said following a cabinet vote.

"I decided they would have to let me here. I could not be a coward." — Panama de facto leader Gen. Antonio Noriega denying he had ever been held by the rebels who tried to topple him.

"Although I was down 0-6 in the last set I was confident of beating Dittmar as he looked tired. I played rallies to make him more tired, and it worked." — Pakistani Jansher Khan after beating Chris Dittmar of Australia.

"I was confident of winning after taking a 6-0 lead in the decider, but mistakes crept into my game. Jansher did the right thing at the right time with his superb game." — Chris Dittmar, president of the International Squash Players' Association, after squandering a lead and outplayed by Jansher Khan.

"The sixth article of the Soviet constitution says that all power shall rest in the hands of the party. This is wrong — we need a multi-party state." — A protester on more democratization in the Soviet Union.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sheikh Salem praises 3-point plan

Financial institutions urged to develop their own expertise

By Jadranka Porter
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THE GCC states are not prepared to face the single European market, a Saudi investment banker Khaled Al Fayez said yesterday at a conference opened by Finance Minister Jasssem Al Khorafi, who urged local financial institutions to develop their own expertise instead of merely imitating foreign specialists.

"If you ask me if the GCC is prepared for the Europe of 1992 the answer is no," Fayez stressed.

His remarks came in his address at the conference on the globalisation of financial markets and its impact on the GCC countries, which opened yesterday in Kuwait.

Fayez, the chairman of the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation, said the limited scope of services and products offered by the GCC banks in Europe renders them vulnerable to growing international competition.

"Our financial institutions depend on a handful of products and their orientation has been conservative,"



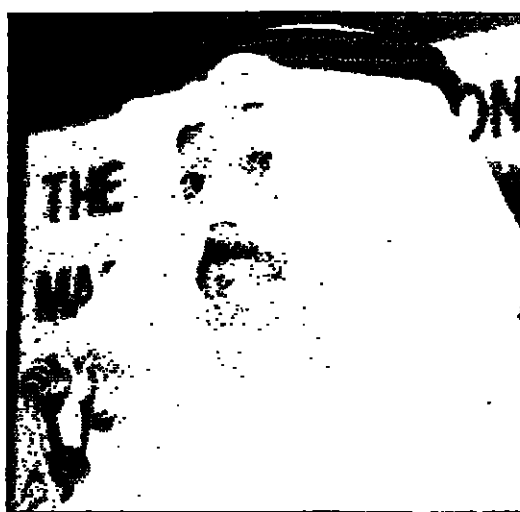
Some of those who attended the conference.

he said.

But he predicted that integration of financial markets will result in short-term damage, linked to capital outflows and external disturbances.

As the stiff competition has forced the banks in the region to improve their services in the past, so will it make them upgrade their performance in the future, he stressed.

Fayez said he was confident that in the long run globalisation of financial markets will result in a healthier financial industry in the region. The extent of improvement, however, largely depends on the revision of the banks' main customer base which has so far heavily relied on the international companies, he pointed out.



Jasssem Al Khorafi addresses the conference.

He urged the banks to develop private banking, improve their retail business and cater to the needs of small-size companies.

Fayez noted that the region is overbanked and that some of the small institutions will eventually be forced out of business. "In the 1970s the banks were coming up a dime a dozen showing the lack of strategy and planned action," he said.

The slowdown in local economies and increased competition from abroad means less business for individual banks, he said.

"This will lead to the absorption of a number of the small financial institutions by the larger ones. Some of these small institutions will fall by the way side," he stressed.

The united Europe poses another challenge to the GCC financial institutions, some of which were established when profits at home fell, Fayez pointed out.

"Reciprocity requirements will erode over time the semi monopolistic position that the GCC banks have enjoyed in their domestic market," he said.

Khorafi called on local financial

institutions to carve out their own niche of expertise and specialized services that would pave their way into the international markets. He said the policy of pumping vast amounts of money into the financial institutions without proper expertise, has failed.

Kuwait, he said, has focussed on trading in shares rather than financial papers. In 1988 KD 700 million worth of shares were traded. New guidelines for the stock-holding companies, now in the making, will not only offset the ill-effects of the economic recession but will launch Kuwait into the 1990s, Khorafi said.

Kuwait's economy is pivoted on free movement of capital and goods, stability and confidence. But he vowed that rationalisation of public spending, and domestic borrowing will continue as part of moves to compensate for the drop in oil revenues.

The chairman of the organising committee Dr Moudi Al Hamoud told the conference that the open economies of the Gulf states have been vitally affected by develop-

ments in the world markets. "As a region of surplus investible capital, the GCC is presented with new opportunities as well as risks. The need for an investment strategy on the governmental, institutional and individual level becomes paramount," she stressed.

Addressing the conference during the evening session the Governor of the Central Bank Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah expressed reservations about a speedy solution to the Third World debt crises, despite various initiatives to solve it.

"Each country's situation is different and considerable ingenuity will be needed to achieve results," Sheikh Salem told the conference.

He praised the three-point plan launched by H.H. the Amir in Dec 1988 which would require considerable flexibility from the creditor countries.

Sheikh Salem discussed the merits of each of the four techniques used in debt or interest reduction, namely debt-equity swaps, debt-for-debt swaps, exit bonds and cash buybacks.

Kuwait trade volume rises

Alshall weekly market review

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Oct 4, 1989 an average of 40.11 points with an increase of 0.23 point - 0.58 per cent from last week's average of 39.53 point.

The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.04 with a decrease of 0.35 point - 0.51 per cent for the same period, according to Alshall weekly market reports.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 38.25 million shares at a daily average of 7.65 million shares with an increase of 59 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 4.81 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.00 million shares at a daily average of 0.200 million shares with a decrease of 56 per cent from last week's daily average of 0.456 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD17.4 million at a daily average of KD3.48 million, an increase of 47 per cent over last week's daily average of KD2.36 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.045 million at a daily average of KD0.009 million, a decrease of 44 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.016 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 58 per cent of total trading against 71 per cent last week.

Kuwait Finance House had the lead at 46 per cent followed by The National Bank of Kuwait at 23 per cent and both The Gulf Bank and the Commercial Bank at 10 per cent each. The services sector came second at 35 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 93 per cent followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets Complex at 7 per cent.

The investment sector came third at 3 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Bank had the lead at 78 per cent followed by Commercial Facilities at 9 per cent and Kuwait International Investment Company at 7 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain Middle East Bank had the lead at 56 per cent, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 28 per cent and Umm Al Quain Cement Company at 16 per cent.

The Kuwaiti shares market showed signs of active performance, while the non-Kuwaiti shares market showed signs of very weak activity. The major event of this week, is the relative increase in trading in the Services sector which was concentrated in the shares of Mobile Telephone Systems Company.

In spite of our belief that the heavy trading concentration in the Banking sector will resume next week, still it will be concentrated in a few companies. This concentration would increase with the passing of time unless new sound companies enter the official shares market instead of the big number of companies which are inactive in trading.

The quality of companies' shares which reflect good performance is usually sought in a market free of outside intervention. The stock exchange market is expected to witness similar periods during this present season and in the first quarter of next year, some will be justified and others unjustified.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wed. 04/10/89	Wed. 27/09/89	Change
Banking Sector	124.96	123.82	1.15
The National Bk	32.81	33.25	-0.44
The Gulf Bk			

The Comm. Bk	24.15	24.15	—
Al Ahli Bk	33.81	32.80	1.01
Bk of Kt & ME	30.97	30.97	—
Kuwait R. Est. Bk	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bk	27.58	27.58	—
Kt Finance House	81.57	79.10	2.47
Sector Index	49.55	48.18	0.36
Inv. Sector			
Kuwait Inv. Co.	11.02	11.02	—
Kt. Int. Inv. Co.	8.93	9.79	-0.86
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Comm. Facilities	133.38	132.00	1.38
National Inv.	57.84	58.82	-0.98
Kt. Inv. Proj.	92.13	92.13	—
Sector Index	30.34	30.58	-0.24
Ins. Sector			
Kt. Ins. Co.	38.87	38.87	—
Gulf Ins. Co.	23.85	23.85	—
Al Ahleia Ins.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Ins. Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Sector Index	37.80	37.80	—
Real Est. Sec.			
Kt. Real Est.	16.31	16.31	—
Utd. Realty	5.16	5.16	—
Nat. Real Est.	35.44	35.44	—
Pearl of Kt.	72.22	73.02	-0.79
Sector Index	16.32	16.37	-0.05
Ind. Sector			
Kt. Cmt. Co.	10.91	10.91	—
Ref. Ind.	83.45	82.36	1.10
Gulf Cable	113.13	114.26	-1.13
Kt. Pharm.	70.22	70.22	—
Sector Index	28.82	28.87	-0.05
Services Sector			
Kt. Cntr. Co.	170.64	170.64	—
Kt. Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Pub. W'housing Co.	68.69	68.69	—
Kt. Comm. M. Co.	35.91	35.45	0.46
M. Tele. Syst.	342.86	323.81	19.05
Sector Index	60.91	58.82	1.99
Food Sector			
L. Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
Utd Fisheries	10.34	10.34	—
Kt. Utd Poultry	110.01	110.01	—
Kt. Food Co.	68.97	68.97	—
Sector Index	38.91	38.91	—
Overall Index	40.11	39.88	0.23

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	Wed. 04/10/89	Wed. 27/09/89	Change
First G. Bk.	223.68	223.68	—
Bah. Intl. Bk.	88.28	89.66	-1.38
Bah. M.E. Bk.	87.32	87.32	—
Cst. Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
A. Gen. Inv. (shuaa)	43.18	43.18	—
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	16.12	16.12	—
G. Med. Projs.	21.78	21.78	—
Total Index	68.04	68.39	-0.35

—Base period 31/12/1983.

—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Bright forecast for Gulf oil

Energy pact under review

BAGHDAD, Oct 7, (Reuters): Oil ministers from the four-nation Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) met in Baghdad today to discuss an oil and energy pact, Baghdad radio said.

The draft agreement was prepared by oil experts in the four states — Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen.

It covers co-operation in the oil and energy fields, including unification of oil products specifications and the exchange of expertise in oil exploration and development.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi said on Friday the four countries would co-ordinate their policy in regional and world energy organisations.

Iraq is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec) while Egypt belongs to Oapec. Jordan and North Yemen belong to neither.

A Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) official was quoted today as saying a single European Community (EEC) market in 1992 should increase demand for Gulf Arab oil and petrochemicals.

GCC assistant secretary-general Ashraf Al Quweiz told the Saudi-owned newspaper Ashraf Al Awasat that officials from both sides would meet in

Spain in February to discuss the impact of the merger on future relations.

"The European market merger in 1992 will — increase economic growth rates, which will in turn boost its demand for oil and petroleum products, including GCC exports," the paper quoted Quweiz as saying.

The official warned that limiting access to GCC exports might make of the market an "impenetrable fortress against others."

The GCC, a loose political and economic alliance comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, want to narrow a trade deficit that last year reached \$4.4 billion in favour of the EEC.

The GCC is one of the largest markets for EEC products, taking 16 per cent of the community's exports in 1987, but Gulf officials have repeatedly complained that 12-14 per cent tariffs and quotas have virtually blocked cheaply-produced Gulf petrochemicals.

Quweiz urged GCC members to unify customs duties and let national banks open branches in all member-states — measures that are barring full implementation of a unified economic agreement signed in 1982.

Boeing strike could widen US trade deficit

SEATTLE, Washington, Oct 7, (AP): If the machinists union strike against Boeing Co. drags out, one consequence could be a deeper US trade deficit, analysts predict.

Boeing, which has 65 per cent of the non-communist world's commercial jetliner market, is the nation's third-largest exporter. If the machinists strike that began Wednesday morning slows aircraft deliveries, the delayed sales would start showing up in trade figures.

"They do something like a billion dollars a month

in exports," said Gene Kingsbury, an aerospace analyst at the US Department of Commerce. "A slowdown in shipments is going to affect trade."

Of the \$12 billion worth of aircraft Boeing delivered in the first nine months of this year, \$8.4 billion in planes went overseas, said Tom Cole, a Boeing Commercial Airplanes spokesman.

If those planes had not been shipped, the US merchandise trade deficit for the same period would have been close to \$92 billion instead of the \$80 billion economists are forecasting.

Oil reserves in Oapec countries surged last year

By Sonny Abraham
Arab Times Staff

OIL reserves in Oapec countries rose to 589.9 billion barrels by the end of 1988, an increase of 87 billion barrels over 1987.

During the same period, gas reserves of these countries went up to 24.3 trillion cubic metres (cu.m.) from about 21.4 trillion cu.m. in 1987.

According to an Oapec report, proven oil reserves world-wide stood at 990.8 billion barrels, an increase of 103 billion barrels over 1987, while natural gas reserves totalled 113.2 trillion cu.m., 5.3 per cent more than the previous year.

Among the Oapec countries, Saudi Arabia accounted for 85 billion barrels of the increase, attributed to an intensive study of

reserves, more work in developing existing fields and the recent expansion of exploration activities in all areas of the kingdom.

Libya added one billion barrels to its proven reserves in 1988 while Algeria added 0.7 billion barrels. Slight decreases were seen in the reserves of Bahrain, Syria and Tunisia.

The only change in the reserves of the remaining member countries was equivalent to their annual production. Oapec countries, share of world oil reserves in 1988 was 59.5 per cent, the report said.

Kuwait's oil reserves, for instance, remained at the 1987 figure of 94.5 billion barrels and Iraq's at 100 billion barrels.

As far as other Arab countries were concerned, Oman recorded a slight increase in its reserves, North

Yemen re-evaluated its reserves to total about one billion barrels and South Yemen estimated its reserves at about 3.38 billion barrels.

Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Syria, Egypt and Tunisia were the Oapec countries which recorded major increases in their natural gas reserves. Reserves in Bahrain and the UAE decreased, while there was no change in Libya and Qatar.

Oapec's share of world gas reserves amounted to 21.5 per cent in 1988, which was 1.6 per cent more than in 1987, the report said.

Apart from Saudi Arabia, the major additions to oil reserves worldwide were in Mexico, China and Venezuela. While Opec reserves went up 13.1 per cent, only two billion barrels of the increase occurred in non-Arab

member countries. Opec's share in the world reserves stood at 76.6 per cent at the end of 1988.

US oil reserves in 1988 rose by 4.7 per cent to 26.5 billion barrels. USSR's reserves went down by about 0.5 billion barrels while those of China increased by about 5.2 billion barrels. Estimated oil reserves in the UK sector of the North Sea decreased slightly in 1988, while Norway's sector witnessed a sharp decline of about 29.5 per cent.

Thereport said the total reserves of other countries increased sharply in 1988 to touch 34.3 billion barrels, an improvement of 27.3 per cent. The main increases were in India, Angola, Colombia and North Yemen.

Opec gas reserves improved by 3,358 billion cu.m. in 1988 and mem-

ber countries had a 39.9 per cent share in the world reserves. Non-Arab Opec countries recorded increases totalling about 673 billion cu.m., the report said.

Meanwhile, world crude oil production increased in 1988 by 1,564,000 barrels per day (bpd), 2.6 per cent over 1987, mainly due to the rise in Opec's production of about one billion bpd in the second half of the year.

Oil production in Oapec countries increased by about one million bpd, 7.6 per cent more than the previous year.

World natural gas production totalled about 2,254 billion cu.m. in 1988, which was 61 billion cu.m. more than in 1987. In Oapec countries, gas production fell again in 1988, by 3,222 million cu.m., the report added.

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	(Rs. in Millions)
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Gross Profits	124.15
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Profit before tax	79.95
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Trade balance to get a boost

GCC keen to maintain good economic ties with EEC

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Kuna): Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khalid has affirmed that the establishment of the unified European Economic Community in 1992 will help bolster economic and trade relations between the Gulf states and Western Europe.

While pointing out the special significance Kuwait and the rest of the GCC attach to the EEC in the fields of trade and investment, Al Khalid stressed that the GCC is keen to maintain good economic ties with the European Economic Community no matter what the future has in store.

In an interview with a local daily, published here today, the Kuwaiti minister said that a strategy is being worked out by the GCC to organise relations with the 1992 unified European Economic Community.

On the future of Kuwaiti non-oil exports during the 1990s, Al Khalid said that while exports in general recorded high figures in the past year, this particular type had witnessed a remarkable slump.

He noted, however, that non-

oil exports, such as foodstuffs and chemical fertilisers, had managed a slight increase in 1988 of 3.6 per cent over 1987. He expected the trade balance to receive a great boost in the next decade.

On the re-export trade and Kuwait's future as a specialist in this field, Al Khalid affirmed that the Gulf war had temporarily diminished Kuwait's potential in this regard, but said that this type of trade is regaining its importance gradually.

The minister also expected a rise in the number of shareholding companies and stressed that "there is nothing that prevents the establishment of new shareholding companies as long as there is room enough for their activities."

Evaluating domestic industry during the 1980s, he said that this decade presented many challenges for the Kuwaiti industry, mainly the drop in demand and the difficulty of marketing, but said that things have been looking up since the end of the Iraq-Iran war and the area is in for a "real economic boom."

The minister affirmed that

despite the small domestic market and shortage in labour and raw materials, except for oil, the Kuwaiti industry has made great strides in recent years, noting that the future looks even brighter due to the vast support given to this important sector of the economy.

On ways to attract capital to industrial investment, he stressed that Kuwait possesses most elements capable of drawing local as well as foreign investments, but noted that some of the legislations in this field have to be amended to accommodate future changes.

The minister talked of a short-term programme aimed at furnishing industrial areas with services and public facilities and also planning new areas. There is also a long-term plan to establish a public authority for industrial areas to provide better services for industrialists and investors.

On establishing a free-zone in Kuwait, Al Khalid said additional privileges granted to investors together with qualified cadres in the fields of finance, industry and free trade qualify Kuwait to be a free zone.



Al Khalid

Japan vows

Plans to improve quality of ODA aid

TOKYO, Oct. 7. (AP): Responding to criticism that Japanese foreign aid is ineffective, Tokyo will improve the quality of its assistance to developing countries, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

Japan became the world's largest donor of foreign aid in 1988, surpassing the United States, with its actual disbursement reaching \$9.13 billion in that year, according to the Foreign Ministry.

However, critics say billions of dollars are being wasted because of a lack of co-ordinations and expertise. Criticism also comes from groups who say Japanese Overseas Development Assistance, or ODA, has contributed to environmental destruction.

"We need to improve the efficiency of ODA," said Takamori Kitamura, director of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Co-operation Bureau. "We like to see we can assist more aid, but there are also three or four areas which need improvement."

The government's ODA report, released by the Ministry yesterday, spells out the country's foreign aid policy in coming years and calls for improving the quality of Japan's development assistance.

It urged that Japan improve the terms offered to aid recipients, pointing out that it ranks 18th among industrialised countries in the proportion of aid given as grants. In 1987, 75.4 per cent of Japan's aid was in grant form, compared to 97.2 per cent for the United States and 98.9 per cent for Britain, according to the report.

The paper also said Tokyo's ODA programmes are not well-planned and lack analysis and information about the recipients' needs.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29695	0.29810
Sterling	0.47690	0.47934
Dm.	0.15717	0.15793
S. fr.	0.180736	0.181657
F. fr.	0.046326	0.046559
It. lira	0.0002140	0.0002170
Jap. yen	0.002084	0.002096
Bh. dinar	0.787456	0.791030
UAE dh.	0.080813	0.081181
S. riyal	0.079133	0.079503
Q. riyal	0.081534	0.081940
O. riyal	0.770998	0.774688

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 7. (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-9/16
3 months	8-1/4	8-9/16
6 months	8-5/16	8-9/16
1 year	8-5/16	8-9/16

Exchange Rates

Indian rupee	17.840
Sri Lankan rupee	7.550
Pakistani rupee	14.250
Bangladesh taka	9.150
US dollar	29800
Pound sterling	48025
Deutsche mark	15820
UAE dirham	08110
Japanese yen	002105

US firms looking at onshore prospects

Turkey's oil reserves may exceed 2 billion barrels

ANKARA, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Oil firms are taking a fresh look at exploration in Turkey, lured by prospects of large reservoirs of untapped crude lurking beneath often inhospitable terrain.

Renewed interest follows a general industry belief that Turkey's oil reserves may exceed two billion barrels, enough to reap good profits and help the country's struggling economy.

"If Turkey has a 10- to 15-year programme I do not say we would join Opec but we would at least provide about 50 per cent of needs here," Oymen Sayer, vice-president of Aladdin Middle East, told Reuters.

The US firms Mobil and Chevron are actively looking at onshore prospects, while Turkey has sought applications for offshore exploration, while Turkey has sought applications for offshore exploration permits in the Black Sea.

The history of exploration in

Turkey has been chequered since the first well was sunk in 1887. Problems included political uncertainties, strict government controls and rebels.

"We are excited about exploration right now. We think Turkey has potential," said Roy Johnson, producing manager of Mobil Exploration (Mediterranean).

Mobil has been awarded 26 licences so far this year to seek oil around Van, near the Iranian frontier and 1,250 km (700 miles) east of Ankara, and near Malatya, north of Syria.

Chevron plans to spend \$10.5 million on a search in the south-east near Iraq but has postponed a final decision because its mountain site was a Kurdish rebel bastion.

There are about 25 oil firms currently operating in Turkey, most of them affiliates of foreign companies such as N.V. Turkish Shell and Arco Turkey Inc.

About 900 million barrels of oil have been discovered in Turkey so far of which 487 million have been recovered. But many industry sources put potential reserves at around two billion.

Production, rising by about 10 per cent annually, reached 37,320 barrels per day (BPD) in September, with the state-run corporation Tpaoc producing about two thirds of the total. Other producers were Shell, Mobil and Aladdin.

Current output is equivalent to about 2.9 million tonnes a year, a drop in the barrel compared with estimated 1989 imports of 19.7 million tonnes, costing some \$2.1 billion.

"Tpaoc's 1990 output will not be less than two million tonnes (40,000 BPD) and we actually expect significantly higher than this," a senior Tpaoc official said. Tpaoc operates 423 of the 670 production wells in Turkey. One

of its new-found major sites in the southeastern Adiyaman area is producing 13,800 BPD from nine wells.

"Activity so far has been largely confined to the southeast and there are other scattered areas of the country that have been little explored to date," Johnson said.

Mobil has not explored for oil in Turkey for about a quarter of a century. "Twenty to 25 years ago when everyone was looking we did not have the technology we have now," Johnson added.

A major problem for oil firms has been the cost of drilling in Turkey—about \$1 million for a 6,000 foot well in a known area—and availability of equipment.

"Turkey has the ability to produce almost all, if not all, of the equipment needed for a full-blown exploration programme but there are economic considerations to be taken into account," Johnson said.

Nigeria urged to invest in industry

LAGOS, Oct. 7. (Opecna): The Belgian Ambassador to Nigeria, Michel Cze Twertynski, said here this week that Nigeria had vast economic and human resources to lift it into the "club" of developed nations but that it was up to the Nigerians themselves to utilise these resources for their collective good.

He said this in a lecture delivered at Warri—about 716 km from here—organised by the State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture.

The envoy called on the country's businessmen to invest in industries, which had long-term profit possibilities, adding that it had been observed that Nigerians preferred to invest in trade where they could make a quick profit.

Twertynski said his government was prepared to assist Nigeria in developing its agricultural sector but that greater and faster growth in the country's economy could readily be achieved if local businessmen entered into joint partnership in industrial investments with their counterparts in an atmosphere characterized by stable economic

policies and trade regulations.

He observed that one of the problems facing the Nigerian economy was the inconsistency of the country's trade laws and economic policies that were often tied to changes in government.

He said instability in the legal framework of economic and industrial policies and laws tended to discourage international investment in Nigeria.

He noted that the laws regarding expatriate quotas had still not been clearly spelt out, while excessive bureaucracy had slowed down commercial activities. He added that it was better for the country to remove all forms of bureaucracy from its international and domestic trade transactions.

The envoy said while European countries had turbulent and frequent changes in political and government leadership, their economies had continued to grow rapidly because of consistent economic policies and stable laws governing trade transactions.

EEC cautious on airline deregulation

US model rejected

PARIS, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The European Economic Community yesterday welcomed plans to give travellers cheaper air fares but said it was determined to avoid the chaos of US airline deregulation.

The 12 EEC transport ministers were in Paris for a first discussion of controversial proposals to cut government power to dictate fares and distribute routes among airlines.

"All the countries accept the drive towards the liberalisation of air transport," French Transport Minister Michel Delebarre told reporters.

But he added: "We want a liberalisation which does not lead to the deregulation which took place in the United States."

Total deregulation in the United States a decade ago sparked fare-cutting wars and big mergers, killing off

smaller airlines and pushing prices back up again. Delebarre, who chaired the talks, said ministers welcomed EEC proposals for safeguards against "predatory" pricing—setting low fares designed to push competitors out of the market.

But they wanted to see additional proposals to prevent airlines from undercutting competitors by skipping on safety or staff welfare.

Transport Commissioner Karel Van Miert, who proposes EEC legislation, said plans for common standards on safety and staff would be ready in November.

The 12-nation bloc is committed to approving more liberalisation by July 1990, building on limited reforms adopted two years ago, but it is not clear how far it will go.

Poland plans to create market economy

WARSAW, Poland, Oct. 7. (AP): Deputy Prime Minister Leszek Balcerowicz announced yesterday the new non-communist-led government's preliminary plans to create a market economy, saying Poles will face tight money, bankruptcy and unemployment along the way.

But he said Western countries stand ready to help Poland and if the measures are put into effect, beneficial effects would be discernible within a year.

He said the government would try to soften the inevitable pain of the programme by introducing unemployment benefits and other measures to protect the social security of the population.

The plan's presentation to a room packed with more than 200 journalists was the most detailed explanation yet to the Polish public of the sacrifices to expect under the stringent reforms advocated by the East bloc's first non-communist government.

The news conference came one day after

the council of ministers chaired by Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki gave a green light to the plan. The government has been in power only 25 days.

"What we must do is a quick transformation of the present economic system into a market system, a system that can spur human initiative and bring a gradual improvement of living conditions," Balcerowicz said.

"We have a great and unrepeatable chance to pass to a... system whose effectiveness is proven all over the world. But we have to do it in a very difficult economic situation."

Balcerowicz said he discussed the government's plans last week with officials of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, who gave their general approval.

An IMF mission will come to Poland on Oct 16 and a crucial standby loan agreement should be signed with the international lending group by the end of November, he said.

The agreement, in which Poland would commit itself to the detailed programme of restructuring and internal stabilization, would be the signal for the start of new Western loans and restructuring of Poland's \$40 million Western debt.

The plan's basic thesis is that only by quickly converting Poland to a market economy can the country's economic crisis be solved. Previously exercised remedies such as price controls, ration coupons and centralised distribution would only worsen the problems and delay the cure, Balcerowicz said.

The plan forces a preliminary phase lasting until Dec 31, followed by decisive actions beginning early next year, he told reporters.

The first phase envisages initial steps to change the principles of ownership, in which now nearly all property belongs to the state, breaking up monopolies and fighting monopolistic practices, reforming the state budget, changing the banking system, working out the social security

Fed likely to ease funds rate slightly

NBK weekly market review

THE dollar market remained on the sidelines for most of the week fearful of central bank intervention and in anticipation of the upward adjustment in interest rates in Europe. In the event once these had taken place the dollar began to resume its bull trend. However, this was capped by the release of the employment numbers last yesterday which provided overall evidence of moderating activity and reinforced the possibility of the Federal Reserve easing policy. Consequently bond, treasury markets and the Dow Jones all gained on the week, according to NBK weekly market review.

The dollar ended the week slightly ahead at DM1.87-1.92 and Yen 141.5-145.5.

The expected easing in Federal Reserve policy will hold the market in quiet trading. On balance however we would still expect the dollar to move slightly ahead now that the massive central bank intervention and the European adjustment in rates have been digested. Indicators to the latter part of this coming week (notably the CPI and retail sales) will be keenly awaited and are expected to evidence moderating activity with inflation under control.

However market sentiment that this could lead to a discount rate cut remains in our view for the time being, premature, and we would still only expect the Federal Reserve to ease its Fed funds rate slightly.

Trading ranges for the coming week reflect a slightly firmer dollar

and are as follows: DM1.87-1.92 and Yen 141.5-145.5.

During the earlier part of the week sterling continued to suffer severely from the atrocious trade numbers released the week before. In tandem with this was a rise in interest rates in Germany added to nervousness.

The Bundesbank's decision on Thursday to raise its official rates by 1 per cent with most European countries following, left the UK's Chancellor of the Exchequer with little alternative than to follow in line.

These moves increased a further 1 per cent to 15 per cent. This helped on Friday to underpin sterling leaving it unchanged on the week. The consequences of even higher interest rates required for a prolonged period considerably undermined both the equity and gilt markets alike.

Sterling ended the week at: DM3.03 and £/\$1.60.

Although there is undoubtedly some evidence of moderating consumer demand, on balance domestic consumption has remained surprisingly resilient in the current high interest rate policy. Therefore the requirement to sustain a prolonged period of high interest rates is now increasingly recognised. What is worrying to industrialists and the money markets alike is the ultimate impact on economic growth. Inflation and the external gap are unlikely to be so simultaneously responsive to current policy with industrial output and exports taking the brunt of the

adjustment. Whether the current level of interest rates will be sufficient to support sterling remains to be seen given the background of deteriorating economic fundamentals. All markets will remain on tenterhooks for the foreseeable future.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.00-3.06 and £/\$1.58-1.62.

The Bundesbank's decision to raise its official Lombard and discount rates by 1 per cent to 8 and 6 per cent respectively sparked a rise right away across Europe. The anticipated rise reflected the Bundesbank's concern on the need to counter the economy's current buoyancy with price increases, tax cuts and wage cost pressures presently in the pipeline.

Separately unemployment continued to decline representing 7.5 per cent of the labour force in September compared with 7.5 per cent the previous month. Industrial output rose on a year-on-year basis to August by 1.2 per cent.

Political harmony appears to be restoring itself in Japan with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party making gains in a recent by-election and partially restoring earlier losses in the opinion polls.

With the Central Bank of Japan still reluctant to move interest rates in line with rises elsewhere, the yen suffered on the crosses. Should this continue a firmer monetary stance appears inevitable.

Stocks seek to break jinx

Economy keeps chugging along

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (AP): Researchers on Wall Street appear to have hit upon a promising antidote for the chills of disastrous October's past.

The medicine in question combines hopes for falling interest rates, a strong dollar and steady doses of slow, but sustainable economic growth.

So far it seems to be working wonders, lifting stock prices to record highs at a time when Wall Streeters have plenty of seasonal memories to dampen their spirits.

For those who like to keep track of such things, this month marks the second anniversary of the "market meltdown" of 1987.

Ten years ago there was the October massacre of 1979, when stock prices plunged amid fears of a credit crunch.

And 60 years back lingers the specter of the great crash of 1929.

Against this backdrop, stocks got an unexpected boost in October 1989 from talk that the Federal Reserve might find reason before long to consider a further relaxation of its credit policy.

Since midyear interest rates had been climbing as investors concluded that the Fed had less and less reason to worry about a recession, and thus might shift back toward a restrictive, inflation-fighting strategy.

But statistics on wholesale and consumer prices showed no signs of mounting inflationary pressures as the economy kept chugging along.

And heading into the last quarter of the year, the suspicion began to spread that the Fed might find more manoeuvring room to stimulate the economy without taking any big inflationary risks.

Those feelings were reinforced on Friday, when the Labour Department reported that the civilian unemployment rate rose a tenth of a percentage point in September to 5.3 per cent.

The monthly data also showed an increase of 209,000 in non-farm payroll employment, well short of advance estimates on Wall Street in the range of 275,000 to 300,000.

Even though several "European" countries reported increases in interest rates, the dollar held its ground in foreign exchange and rates declined in this country.

That gave the stock market the encouragement it needed to chalk up the biggest weekly point gain of the year in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The widely recognised average of 30 blue chips climbed 92.70 points to 2,785.52, for its best weekly showing since it jumped 114.86 points May 31 - June 3 of 1988.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose

4.97 to 198.94; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market gained 10.36 to 483.64, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 7.17 at 395.93.

Volume on the NYSE averaged 170.99 million shares a day, up from 151.48 million the week before.

Until the past few days, the dollar had been under pressure against leading foreign currencies since the Group of Seven industrialised countries issued a statement declaring strength in the US currency "inconsistent with longer run economic fundamentals."

That assertion was followed by what Jack Lavery, global research director at Merrill Lynch, called "an all-out blitz against the dollar" by the nations' central banks.

Thus, many observers were impressed when the dollar bounced back quickly on Thursday from the news of interest-rate increases in West Germany, Britain and other European nations.

"Over the long pull capital flows, which we expect to be strong, almost always have swamped the effects of central bank intervention," said Maury Harris, economist at PaineWebber Inc.

Harris concluded: "Recent economic developments are pointing to lower interest rates."

Fed has more leeway to lower rates

American jobless rate up

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (AP): Shrinking payrolls at auto plants and other factories helped push the US jobless rate of 5.3 per cent in September, the government said yesterday in a report showing unexpected softness in the economy.

The civilian unemployment rate was up from 5.2 per cent in both July and August, the Labour Department said in the first comprehensive look at the economy last month.

Non-farm employers told the government they added a seasonally adjusted 209,000 jobs in September, more than double a revised 88,000 in August. But, nearly all of the growth can be attributed to two special factors: teachers returning to their classrooms and 75,000 telephone workers ending a strike, analysts said.

"This report is the first in quite a while that suggests the economy could be heading for a tailspin," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Co. financial firm. "Another report like this one would begin to cause a good deal of worry."

Manufacturers reported a loss of 103,000 jobs, including 33,000 at auto plants. Payrolls either declined or were flat within all manufacturing industries except food processing.

"The most disturbing feature of September's business survey data was the large decline in manufacturing employment," Commissioner of Labour Statistics Janet L. Norwood told Congress' Joint Economic Committee. "Real growth in overall factory employment ended last March, since then, we have lost 135,000 factory jobs."

Unemployment in Michigan, home of many auto plants, leapt from 6.9 per cent in August to 8.1 per cent last month, the highest among 11 large industrial states surveyed.

Reacting to the data, the stock market rallied in early trading. Brokers took sluggish job growth as a sign that the Federal Reserve Board—the US central bank—has more leeway to lower interest rates.

Early last year, the Fed embarked on a year-long programme of raising interest rates to slow the economy and cool inflationary pressures.

Then, after signs of economic sluggishness emerged this spring, particularly in interest-rate-sensitive sectors such as construction and auto manufacturing, the Central Bank nudged rates down a bit, hoping to keep the nation from toppling into a recession.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAH PORT AS ON 7/10/89			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
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8	Samir	ISA	2441860
9	Polotsk	Al Rashid	2422026
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ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
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7/10	Sanku Venus	SMS	4745471
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'Crack' in the drug war

'I like it'

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (Reuters): As lawmakers, police and citizens across the United States struggle with a drugs plague, Curtis Graves sits on a park bench, quietly smoking crack cocaine in a glass pipe.

"It's euphoric. It brings me up. It is the ultimate," Graves says, inhaling deeply from his small pipe as he sits just a few blocks away from the bright lights of Broadway.

Graves, 34, had just purchased a tiny vial of crack, a smokable — and highly addictive — form of cocaine, from his dealer in Hell's Kitchen, an area of central New York City near the Hudson river.

"It is one of the worst areas in Manhattan for drug dealing," said Ed Kleifgen, a spokesman for a local community board. "Anybody can walk down the street and see crack being smoked openly. It's just horrendous."

Dealers

Community groups have tried to take back their parks from the dealers, organising sports and cultural activities in them. But the crack trade goes on.

Graves walks casually through Hell's Kitchen park, looking for his dealer. The dealer, seeing him approach, is already digging into his pocket. He produces a tiny vial and puts it into Graves' hand, taking a \$5 bill from his customer in the same movement.

Graves agreed to be interviewed — but he had to smoke his crack first.

Crack has become the scourge of cities across the United States, creating thousands of addicts in the few years since it hit the streets.

Cheaper

It is substantially cheaper than powder cocaine — because it is "cut," or diluted, by other substances — and medical experts say it is intensely addictive even after one use.

"The first time I tried it, I went home and sold my tape deck to get money," said Graves. In those days he had possessions and an apartment, which he later lost in a fire.

"It's an addiction," he said. "I was one who said 'you don't need it, smoke (marijuana) will do the same thing.' But when I tried it, it was a different story."

However, the intense euphoria, or 'rush,' lasts only a few minutes and coming down can throw the user into a frenzy.

"Slowly it wears off and then it turns on you," said Graves. "The feeling could be (that) you get mad, depressed or suicidal."

The user craves more crack immediately. "You have to have a lot to be satisfied," said Graves.

Cheque

However, Graves said, if the user combines crack with other drugs, the physical and psychological effects of coming down from crack are mitigated.

"I drink beer and smoke a little (marijuana)," he said. "Drinking and smoking stabilises it. I feel more able to control it."

Graves, who lives at a nearby shelter for homeless men, said he receives a monthly medical disability cheque for schizophrenia.

"Crack is good for my condition," he said. "It reduces the electricity around my brain."

When his money runs out he scavenges for things to sell or beg.

"I don't steal for my drug," he said, adding that he also wouldn't deal in drugs because he is afraid of going to prison.

Cathy has been 'doing' (using) crack for two years, along with heroin. She said she needs a few hundred dollars each day to support her habit.

Intense rush

"It's like a rush — an intense rush. Maybe five or ten minutes later, you want more. I like it," said Cathy, who looks at least ten years older than her 27 years.

Experts support

Aspirin does halt 1st attack

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (Reuters): A US Food and Drug Administration advisory committee yesterday backed the use of an aspirin tablet every other day for the prevention of first heart attacks.

However, panel members asked the government agency to advise physicians that aspirin be given for this use only to patients known to be at risk of a heart attack.

They said this group would primarily consist of males over 50 with risk factors such as high blood pressure, smoking and high cholesterol levels.

A study in which aspirin was given to 22,000 doctors concluded in January 1988 that 325 milligrams of aspirin every other day would reduce the risk of first heart attacks by more than 40 per cent.

But after the report was publicised the FDA asked aspirin makers to voluntarily refrain from publicising the new finding until the study could be reviewed by the agency and its cardiovascular drugs advisory committee.



Bette Davis: cancer victim

Movie legend Bette Davis dies

Highly professional, innovative, brilliant ... haughty

BETTE DAVIS, the two-time Oscar winner whose toughness, huge eyes and haughty, cigarette-smoking style made her a movie industry legend, has died of cancer at age 81, her longtime lawyer said yesterday.

Miss Davis died Friday night in a Paris hospital after returning there from the San Sebastian Film Festival in Spain, said her lawyer Harold Schiff.

Miss Davis — who appeared in more than 80 films, including "Jezebel," "All About Eve," and "Of Human Bondage" — underwent a mastectomy five years ago. But the cancer returned, Schiff said.

"The doctors had told us the cancer had spread, that it was terminal," he said. "The doctors had said let her go on going about her business."

In Paris, France, Info Radio reported that Miss Davis died in the American hospital in Paris. A spokesman at the hospital declined to confirm the report but said a statement would be issued later.

"What a loss," said actress Olivia de Havilland, a Paris resident, who worked with Miss Davis in four films including the 1964 "Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte."

"She was a remarkable person to work with, highly professional, innovative, brilliant and quick," said Miss De Havilland, 73. "I thought she had some marvelous personal qualities and I was very fond of her."

Vincent Price, who worked with Miss Davis on "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" in 1939 and "Whales of August" in 1987, mourned her as a film genius.

"There are very few people left who really sum up the motion picture industry, who had that star quality. It was really rare," Price said in Los Angeles. "She had extraordinary energy; she was a genius."

Miss Davis was nominated for academy awards 10 times and won two best actress Oscars, for "Dangerous" in 1935 and "Jezebel" in 1938. She won an Emmy in 1979 for the television production "Strangers — the story of a mother and daughter."

Her screen heroines were often as uncompromising as the actress was off-screen and on the set.

"The person who wants to make it has to sweat," she said once. "There are no short cuts. And you've got to have the guts to be hated. That's the hardest part."

She gave no one credit for her success except Bette Davis.

"The most rewarding thing in the world when you've made it," she said. "Is that you don't owe anybody nothing. ... the reward is an honest day's work."

She once suggested the lines for her own epitaph: "Bette Davis — she did it the hard way." That included her 1985 comeback from the mastectomy, a stroke and a broken hip in quick succession.

At the San Sebastian Film Festival last month, reporters asked her whether she was more of a wicked woman on film or in real life.

"Half and half," she said, drawing a laugh.

She was frail enough by then that she had to spend most of her time resting in her hotel room. But she put a brave face on it, telling reporters she stayed hidden away to "take care of all the details, including makeup, to appear beautiful before you all."

Her success story was one of Hollywood's most unlikely tales. Lacking the looks of a traditional Hollywood glamour girl, the skinny youngster with the huge eyes relied on her acting skill and took roles nobody else wanted, playing nasty women more often than nice ones.

"My entire career was never based on looks or glamour or sex," she once said. "It was an absolute miracle that people came to watch me act."

Impressionists copied her mannerisms, and a song, "Bette Davis Eyes," was a rock hit in 1982. The line most identified with her was "what a dump" from "Beyond the forest."

She sought happiness in marriage, but after four husbands declared that she had failed and would never marry again. When she wrote her autobiography, she titled it "The Lonely Life."

"Do you know what my biggest regret is?" she said in March 1983. "I never found the right man to live my life with."

She was born Ruth Elizabeth Davis on April 5, 1908 in Lowell, Massachusetts, the elder of two daughters of Harlow and Ruth Faver Davis.

A friend of her mother's felt two Ruths in the family were too many. She suggested the young Miss Davis be called Bette, after a character in the Balzac novel "La Cousine Bette."

During her first Broadway hit, "Broken Dishes," Miss Davis was given a screen test by movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn. Unimpressed, he scolded a talent scout for wasting his time.

However, her stage reviews caught the attention of Universal Pictures, which offered a three-month contract and brought her to California in 1930.

Her film debut came the next year in "Bad Sister." In 1932, Warner Brothers gave her a co-starring role as an ingenue in "The Man Who Played God."

It was the beginning of her 18-year association with Warner, a sometimes stormy period in which Miss Davis was known for her quarrels with studio chief Jack Warner. Yet when Warner was asked in later years to define the term "movie star," he said simply, "Bette Davis."

In 1934 came the role that would establish her reputation — the sullen heroine mildred in "Of Human Bondage." It was the first film with an unsympathetic heroine. Miss Davis recalled, and she revealed in the image.

Her hit movies included "The Sisters," "Dark Victory," "Jezebel," "The Letter," "Waterloo Bridge," "The Petrified Forest," "All This and Heaven Too," "The Little Foxes," "Now, Voyager" and "Mrs. Skeffington."

In 1950, she created one of her best-remembered roles, as fading actress Margo Channing in "All About Eve," for which she received an Oscar nomination.

As she aged, she turned to character roles, beginning with Apple Annie in "pocketful of Miracles."

Her 1962 starring role with Joan Crawford in "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" was seen as a comeback for both stars. She had another comeback in the 1985 made-for-TV movie "Murder with Mirrors."

Davis's life had its unhappy aspects. She suffered a stroke in 1983 and a short time later was the subject of an unflattering book, "My Mother's Keeper," by

her only natural child, her daughter B.D.

Davis glossed over any shortcomings as a mother with her own book, "This 'N' That," published in 1987.

After her stroke, Davis struggled to regain her speech but the trauma had taken its toll and it showed her public appearances, including the Oscar presentation ceremonies in Hollywood on March 30, 1987. Davis, called on to present the best-actor Oscar to the absent Paul Newman, angrily charged after the show that her part in the show was sabotaged in inept producers.

Unlike many of her glamorous contemporaries, Davis seldom was absent from the screen for long. Davis was a boon to theatrical impersonators, who had merely to trace nervous circles with a cigarette and blurt an annoyed "petah, petah" to draw instant recognition from any audience.

"I adore pictures," she said another time. "I was born in the theatre but I grew up in motion pictures. And I hope I will end up in motion pictures."

In the late 1970s and early 1980s the actress organised a one-woman show, appearing in various cities and at universities and colleges with an hour's collection of her film clips followed by a question-and-answer session.

Of switching from movies to the small screen, the actress said, "a film is a film. Some of the things I've done for TV the studios would be afraid to touch. Television has recently given me some of my finest roles."

In her last years Davis moved between her Westport, Conn., home and an apartment in Hollywood, a few blocks from the one she first rented in 1934.

Davis maintained the tradition of an earlier Hollywood era. "Other actresses walk onto the set," an admiring columnist wrote. "Bette Davis sweeps into view like a queen."

Davis's first marriage, in 1932 to a childhood sweetheart, musician Harmon O. Nelson Jr., ended in 1938. In 1940 she wed another childhood friend, airline pilot Arthur Fransworth. He died in 1943 of injuries received in a fall in Hollywood.

She then married artist-strongman William Grant Sherry in Mexico. They divorced in 1950 and 24 days later Davis took as her fourth husband actor Gary Merrill, who had played her husband in "All About Eve." That marriage ended in 1960. Davis's daughter, Barbara, was by Sherry.

She was president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1940 and in 1942 was a founder, with John Garfield, of the Hollywood Canteen, a popular servicemen's rendezvous during World War II.

In an interview in October 1987, Davis lamented the passing of the film greats and, with them, the definition of "star."

"The word 'star' has lost its meaning," Davis said. "They have such things as 'TV star,' 'guest star,' and 'special star.' Everyone wants to be called a star and I suppose just about everyone is called that."

"It took us 10 years of learning our profession in the theatre or in small roles in movies — sometimes both — to earn that title. A lot of us began before the talkies."

walking around in 'Alpha.' They don't know what's going on."

Other high-technology items included tapes of music with heartening "self-affirming" messages in the subliminally audible background and videotapes showing computer-generated patterns of undulating mandalas.

A mandala is a circular design of concentric geometric forms and images intended to symbolise the universe or wholeness in Hinduism and Buddhism.

One audio tape simply played perfect-fifth chords (the interval between C and G) on the grounds that ancient Greeks had found this harmony especially restful.

This company sells wristwatches, with images of pyramids and Hindu figures on the faces. A placard at the booth notes that "the man who understands a symbol not only opens himself to the objective world, but at the same time succeeds in emerging from his personal situation."

Striving for excellence

One of the lucky few

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

EXCELLENCE has been the motto of the Parayils, a feudal family from Kerala, India, that produced many notable sons of the soil. The family, which was entrenched in central Kerala, was one of the biggest plantation owners. Over the years, they set up schools and other welfare facilities in and around their fields. One of the maharajas of Travancore bestowed the title of "Tharakan" on the Parayils, which became the family name of several generations, including George Tharakan, who is presently the assistant manager and customer relations officer of Air India, Kuwait.

It is not known when the title was bestowed on the family; historians, both Indian and English, are studying the family history to determine the date. But it is an honour that the 20th century Tharakans, though proud of, rather not talk about, although they can boast of, perhaps, the only marquis in the family.

George's uncle, Hormese, was given the title of Marquis of Parayil by the Vatican for his service to the Catholic Church at the turn of the century. Another member of the family was the single opposition member in the first elected government after independence. Tharakan's father was also a well-known figure in business and political circles. But the new generation of Parayils, like Tharakan, have broken from feudalism and politics.

"To a great extent, we have managed to break away from the feudalistic pattern; we are now mostly professional," explains Tharakan.

Excellence was the family motto. For Tharakan, it became the guiding principle of his life and work. "What matters most is to do the best for the job in hand," he says.

So, after post-graduation when he joined a shipping line, he tried to make the best of what he had. A practical person, Tharakan soon saw sailing on the decline and explored other avenues — like a job with an airline.

As a young school boy, he had seen visions of himself flying fighter planes. As he grew older, such dreams were replaced by more realistic goals, particularly after he met his wife Betty at a student's seminar in Madras.

"Falling in love had something to do with my not becoming a fighter pilot," he explains.

Six years after being swept off his feet he married the girl of his choice, breaking from the custom of arranged marriages. With his feet firmly on the ground, he set his heart on joining Air India.

A series of gruelling tests, and many sleepless nights later, he got the much awaited appointment letter, telling him he had been accepted as an 'officer'. From that moment onward, it was smooth sailing for the executive who knows the business like the back of his palm.

"An airline executive needs dedication, he must be willing to change, adapt to innovative ideas and advance with the times," he explains. He also must have loads of patience.

For Tharakan, there is a logical, reasonable explanation for everyone, including the irate passengers who invade his office and go back satisfied customers, at least 99 per cent of the time.

"Criticism comes; kudos come; but criticism is louder than the kudos," he insists.

"My policy is not to hide from passengers; I prefer to explain the actual fact and try to understand their point of view," says.

One of the most trying period for AI officials in Kuwait was the time when several flights were cancelled or delayed due to industrial action back home. "It was a tough period," he recalls. But "winning" and "retaining"



George Tharakan

the goodwill of the passengers is more important.

"A mere thank you from a satisfied passenger is enough reward for my little efforts," he says.

And what of the loud critics? "Criticism comes from people who have a sense of ownership about the airline; some of the most vociferous critics are regular fliers with us," he says.

But don't you ever lose your temper. When you lose your temper, I think you fail; agreed the safety valve must erupt from time to time, but one must try to keep calm to tackle the situation, and be totally committed.

An airline officer has to be totally committed, like a doctor, a nurse or a priest; it's a lot of hard work; glamour lasts only for a short time," he says.

"Exuberant" is how he describes his posting in Kuwait, his first overseas job.

Tharakan says: "Kuwait has been interesting, satisfying experience. There is a high level of professionalism here; it's much easier to get things done here than in many other countries of the world," he says.

He also finds the presence of several nationalities an interesting factor in human relations.

He has his heart set on travelling. "At the moment, I hop from place to place; a vacation is more tiring than normal work; and if I travel on business, I have a hectic schedule," he explains. So, he is waiting for the time when he can travel at a leisurely pace, ideally in Europe.

"Europe's history and culture has always fascinated me," he says. But that would be after retirement.

Tharakan is one of those lucky few who obtain their goals, however modest they may be. Does he have any regrets? "Only one, I cannot sing. I'm jealous of people who can sing," he moans. A music buff, he listens to all sorts of sounds from classical to semi-classical film hits.

Ideals

In his life he has done some crazy things; but he is yet to do the craziest. He dabbled in student politics in the early 1960s "mainly student welfare activities" and was greatly influenced by flower power and hippy culture. Yet, none of these are apparent when you meet the man, whose efficiency and quietude belie his strong ideals.

He admits he has mellowed with time. "I had some strong political ideas; I'm much more realistic now," he explains. His ideals are economic-oriented. Despite his feudalistic background, he says, he firmly believes that any leadership (in India) must bring about the means of equitable distribution of wealth. "It's not fair that all wealth is in the hands of a few people."

He admits it's not easy to break away from norms and traditions but there is no harm in trying. And one person who has succeeded is George Tharakan.

Bewildering bag of beliefs, spiritual theories

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (AP): Capitalism and spiritualism are joined in a "New Age" exposition that promises attendees that they can achieve enlightenment, save the planet and possibly even make big money in the process.

The whole life Expo opened yesterday, bringing together some 500 purveyors of tranquility in a hotel ballroom across the street from New York's bustling Pennsylvania rail station.

The exhibitors include disciples of scientology and actualism, mediums who claim to put customers in touch with past lives, a man who decided to sell wheat-grass to humans after learning animals in the Bronx zoo eat it, and a woman offering "prayer feathers, instructions included" for six dollars.

All are part of what's broadly known as the "New Age" movement, and one of its chroniclers admitted that it's a mixed and bewildering bag of beliefs and spiritual theories.

"The movement doesn't really have an orthodoxy," said Swami Virato, publisher of "New

Frontier — the magazine of transformation. "I tell people you have to approach this with scepticism."

There are people way out on the leading edge, then there are people who think they have found it, but they haven't," he said.

He said the best way to judge a discipline was to check on the number of adherents.

Many at the Expo promoted stone crystals, which they said emit vibrations that harmonise with a person's vibrations to produce beneficial results. For instance, the adventure stone is said to bring money and serenity while the tiger's eye brings money, as well as protection.

Other claims being propounded drew lesser attention.

One group contends that DNA — the genetic

material found in cells — was created in laboratories by aliens on another planet who will soon return to earth in space ships.

In many of the exhibits, the emphasis was on using modern technology to achieve, in minutes, the enlightenment that ancients worked years to achieve. No more tedious years of meditation at some remote monastery — just strap on a 600-dollar "Relaxman."

The device resembles a pair of sunglasses with headphones and flashing lights attached. The pattern of the lights, it is claimed, synchronise the brain waves and allow a listener to easily assimilate material played on the headphones.

This is known as an "Alpha State," said Michael Porter, who was selling a competing 350-dollar model called the "MC2." It brings strong changes within 15 minutes, he said, and recommended against using such a potent device in conjunction with rock 'n' roll.

"Look at teen-agers," he said. "They're already

Scholar kills herself

A former college teacher shot herself to death with her husband's gun after leaving a suicide note in their room in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Trinidad Lozano, 43, of 3265-B San Jose St., Sta. Mesa, died of a gunshot wound in the chest. Her husband Justiniano's .38 revolver was found near her body.

Lozano's suicide note said, "To my co-creatures: Patawarin ninyo ako — sa hiya ko hindi ko na kayang isipin sa awa ko sa anak at asawa ko that I'm no longer an asset. Thank you very much and forgive me God and my co-creatures."

Lozano, her neighbors said, was teaching at a college in Batac, Ilocos Sur when she was dismissed because she was found to be mentally ill. She went to RLC compound at 4655 Valenzuela St in Sta. Mesa with her six-year-old son Boy and went straight to the guardhouse where her husband was.

Justiniano was playing with his son when they heard shot. They rushed to the guardhouse and found the door locked. It took them three minutes to get a duplicate key. After the door was opened they found Lozano dead.

Search for psycho: Mayor Brigidio Simon Jr ordered the police to intensify the hunt for psycho killer who had already taken five lives in the past several months.

Object of the manhunt is a murder convict identified as Reynaldo Patanao. He escaped from the Camp Crame detention cell in 1982 shortly after a military court sentenced him to death for raping and killing his first victim, 11-year-old Mary Mastidue.

Patanao's latest victim was Beatriz Almonte who was found in a vacant lot on St. Joseph and St. Martin streets in Rosalia Village, Quezon City.

Quezon City police chief Col. Rodolfo Garcia formed a special police team to track down Patanao.

Smugglers caught: Coast Guard authorities filed smuggling charges against nine crew members of a fishing boat loaded with P1.5 million worth of garlic intercepted in Navotas.

Accused before the Navotas Prosecutor's Office were boat skipper Francisco Castro, Tomas Velasco, Francisco Castro, Sotero Noleto, Gilbert Sibulacan, Raul Fulgencio, Roberto Cena, Francisco de Cuenasa, and Rodolfo Torillas.

Manila Coast Guard station chief Romualdo Velasco said the accused were arrested aboard F/B Victory.

An informant tipped the Coast Guard that tons of illegally imported garlic from Taiwan would be smuggled into the country through the port Navotas.

Velasco said the fishing boat, owned by one Naviera Cruz del Sur, was chartered by Victory Fishing Ventures Corp.

Warm welcome for trader: A Swiss trader who arrived from Germany was robbed of P10 million equivalent in deutschemark in his hotel room in Pasay City.

Hans Gugic, 42, of Room 310 of the Hyatt Hotel told police he discovered the robbery only the next morning.

Gugic told officer-on-case Pfc. Cesar Manansala that he arrived from Germany and left his room at about the same day to visit a friend in Makati. Before he left he made sure the windows and door of his room were locked.

When he returned Gugic claimed his 970,000 deutschemark was missing. The leather suitcase where he kept the money had been forced open, Gugic told police.

Aside from the money, his Lasic camera, plane ticket and customs documents were missing, Gugic said.

Councilman killed: A BARANGAY councilman was shot dead by four men in front of his house in Kalookan City.

Romulo Lacaba, 42, of Area D, Camarin 2, Kalookan, died from a bullet wound in the head.

The suspects walked away casually after the killing, police investigator Pfc. Arsenio Nacis said.

Nacis said Lacaba was sitting on a bench when four men in their early 20s came and greeted him at 6:30 am.

Lacaba's father, Adriano, 74, told police that one of the men shot his son once in the head.

He said the suspects were armed with .45s and .38s. Lacaba said his son had been receiving death threats but he (the father) did not know why.

Official threatened: The Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) sent death threats to a Quezon City building official and a barangay captain for alleged sins against the masses.

Quezon City building official Domingo Tapay received the death threat in a typewritten note sent by mail by a certain Ka Hector.

Tapay said the threat could have been prompted by the plan by his office to demolish some 200 squatter families in Barangay Katipunan. The ABB also threatened Barangay Captain Antonio Quinto.

The note said Tapay and Quinto were violating the rights of the masses.

"Kaya kamatayan ang hatol sa inyo ng hukuman ng National Democratic Front-Communist Party of the Philippines-ABB," said the letter signed by "Ka Hector."

Soldier killed: Four men shot dead a Capital Regional Command (Capcom) soldier in Barangay Baesa, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Sgt. Fidel Santos, 39, assigned with the North Sector Command, had sustained three gunshot wounds in the head and died on the spot.

He was walking along Homart Road near the Quirino highway when two men accosted him, police said.

Witnesses said one of the men told Santos, "Sobra ka na" before they shot him.

Witnesses said two men stood nearby while the shooting was being carried out.

The suspects escaped toward an alley leading to a crowded neighborhood, said homicide investigator Cpl. Rodrigo Fortaleza.

The suspects were about 25 to 30 years old, two were about 5-foot-2, the other two about 5-foot-3 and all were wearing white shirts and denim pants, Fortaleza said.

Woman hog dealer charged: A WOMAN hog dealer was tricked by a man into receiving P2,500 in fake P100 bills as payment for a pig he bought from her in Tondo, Manila.

Maria Selba, 64, of 917 Tansibol St. Tondo said she only came to know that the money the buyer paid her was fake when she paid a sari-sari store owner with one of the bills.

Selba said she could not accurately describe the buyer because she was in a hurry to sell her pig.

Police said the bills looked genuine except for the picture of President Manuel Roxas which was lighter than the authentic kind.

The sari-sari store owner who noticed the fake P100 bill is charging Selba with possession of counterfeit currency.

Chubbied by houseboy: A contractor's wife was killed and her maid was seriously wounded when her houseboy beat them up with an iron pipe and robbed them of cash and jewelry in Barangay Mabolo, Malolos, Bulacan.

Police identified the fatality as Manalaysay and the wounded as Ruth Ganson, 60.

Investigators said Manalaysay and Ganson were watching television when Romeo Valle, 21, entered their room and attacked them with an iron pipe.

Manalaysay died three hours later at the hospital from head and body injuries.

Valle was arrested at Barangay Sampol, Sapang Palay, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan while waiting for a bus to Manila.

Malolos Police Chief Capt. Roberto Morelos said they recovered two gold rings, P100 in cash.

Valle had been a houseboy of Manalaysay for six years, relatives of the victim said.

Earlier that day, a farmer-driver was stabbed dead and his parents were wounded by a neighbour in front of their house in Barangay Mandili, San Miguel, also in Bulacan.

Ramiro Quintero, 22, died from a wound in the left chest.

His parents, Julio and Floerfina, both 53, were stabbed in the right shoulder.

Investigators said one Virgilio Palomo, 31, a farmer, went to the Quinteros' house, looked for Ramiro and stabbed the farmer-driver dead and attacked his parents.

The suspect escaped.

Meanwhile, four Bulacan residents have been arrested for manufacturing pyrotechnics in Barangay Malibong-Bata, Pandi.

They are Domingo Magor, 37, Rogelio Simplicio, 26, Oscar Cabalero, 36, and Estelita Galera, 31, all of Barangay Bunlo, Bocaue.

Confiscated from them were five sacks of bawang, 2,000 pieces of smaller firecrackers and kwitis, and chemicals used in making pyrotechnics.

After initial jolt, trade is unruffled

SHARE prices retreated in early trading on a wave of panic-selling following the death of former President Marcos but recovered towards closing on buying support from institutional investors.

As a result, price declines were minimal — less than one per cent at the Manila stock exchange and about 1.2 per cent in Makati.

Businessmen and stockbrokers said Marcos' death would not trigger violence that could damage the Philippine economy and any nervousness it may initially cause will eventually ease.

However, business leaders said they would wait and see what happens in the next few days before making crucial business decisions.

Market analysts said the market is expected to continue its bullish trend

next week unless adverse developments occur during the weekend.

Audrey Periquet Jr, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a strong supporter of the Aquino administration, said that based on a telephone survey he conducted among PCCI members, Marcos' death will have no impact on industries.

"It appears that the death of Marcos will have no impact on the economy because of continuing confidence on President Aquino, the democratic processes in place, economy is moving forward and the relative stability in the country."

Victor Lim, a former PCCI president, also said that the death will have no effect on business.

But he conceded that a major problem

will be handling Imelda Marcos' plan to return to Manila.

An official of a European trade office said he did not expect a slowdown in foreign investments. He quickly added however that violent pro-Marcos protests could temporarily change the scenario.

Turnover at the Manila and Makati stock exchanges were boosted by several block sales the biggest of which was the transaction on 8.2 million Benguet Consolidated shares recently bought by RCBC from the Asset Privatization Trust.

Manila transacted two million Benguet shares at P47.50 for a total of P95 million; while in Makati, some six million Benguet shares changed hands totalling P285 million.

In Makati, Papa Securities also transacted a block of 4.5 million PCI Bank and shares at P50 per share for a total of P225 million.

Businessmen and stockbrokers said local investors did not expect Marcos' death to spark a fresh right-wing challenge to Aquino, who has survived five coup attempts since taking power in 1986.

Political analysts said Marcos' supporters might stage protests against Aquino's refusal to allow his body to be buried in the Philippines. But the protests were not expected to develop into a violent revolt.

There was some nervousness selling in the stock exchanges at the start of Friday's trade but prices later stabilized. "The market showed a bit of nervousness but this is corrected later. In fact some issues

closed stronger compared to yesterday," said Jerry Urbina, president of the Manila exchange.

Brokers said Marcos' death did not come as a shock because he had been seriously ill for months.

"The guy had been strapping in bed for several months. The market had discounted his death," said Ramon Gonzales, vice-president of Anscor-Hagedorn Securities.

The local stock market was sophisticated enough to cope with any tension caused by Marcos' death, said Prudencio Somera, vice-president at Coyiuto Securities.

"We have a very good market which has been subjected to a number of adverse elements such as high interest rates and peace and order problems."



Student leader Raymond Samiento tries to free himself from policemen who dispersed an anti-bases rally in Mendiola. At least 154 other rallyists protesting the visit of US Vice-President Dan Quayle were arrested earlier by anti-riot troops.

Many hurt in protest rallies

POLICE and military riot squads battled leftist demonstrators protesting the visit of US Vice-President Dan Quayle in Manila and Angeles City.

Scores were hurt when riot police dispersed with truncheons and tear gas some 3,000 militant students and workers marching to Mendiola near Malacanang early last night. The demonstrators fought back with stones and pillowboxes, hurting 12 policemen.

In Angeles City, at least 10 persons were injured when soldiers from the Clark air base command (CABCOM) blocked about 1,000 demonstrators marching near the US facility which Quayle visited after noon. Protest leaders said two students belonging to the militant League of Filipino Students (LFS) were missing after the violent dispersal of the march.

Manila police arrested Mike Defensor, vice-chairman of the National Union of Students in the Philippines (NUSP) and Raymond Samiento, chairman of the Health Alliance for Democracy (HEAD), who were among the leaders of the march at Mendiola.

Earlier, police detained at least 154 protesters belonging to various student and labour groups who were massing for a rally near the Senate building, where Quayle paid courtesy calls on Vice President Salvador H. Laurel and Senate President Jovito Salonga.

Police later released all but seven leaders of the planned mass action — Pasig Councilor Noel Medina of KADENA, Nick Elnan of the Kilusang Mayo Uno, Rochelle Villanueva of the LFS, Renato Borlaza of SIKAP, Emilio Manaois; Isaisa Kinday

and Wilma Medina, also of the KNU.

The detained leaders will be charged with illegal assembly and sedition, police officials said.

Four members of the so-called "Progressive Bloc" at the House of Representatives immediately denounced the arrests as a "suppression of free speech and assembly."

"It is revolting to note that peace-loving Filipinos, who are legitimately expressing popularly supported grievances, are illegally arrested by persons whose allegiance we now hold in doubt," said Representative Ana Dominquez Coeteng (KAIBA, Quezon City), Gregorio Andolana (PNB, N-Cotabato) Bonifacio Gillege (NUCD, Sorsogon) and Oscar Rodriguez (LDP, Quezon).

Leaders of the KNU and the LFS also denounced the arrests and dispersal of the protest actions as violations of the constitutional provisions granting citizens the right to peaceful assembly and redress of grievances.

"The Aquino government must do so desperate to please Washington that it is doing all it can to give the impression that the Filipino people will allow the continued stay of the (US) bases," Nathaniel Santiago, LFS chairman, told a press conference.

KNU chairman Crispin Beltran said some 120 workers in four jeeps, who joined a protest caravan, were arrested before noon in front of the Manila City Hall while they were on their way to the Senate building.

Two hours earlier, at least 25 youth and student activists were arrested in front of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila in Intramuros as they were assembling for the rally.

Solon in Tarlac coverup?

By Jim Gomez

THE Senate blue ribbon committee is set to probe claims that Tarlac Gov. Mariano Un Ocampo III was linked to the questionable withdrawal from a bank several weeks ago of about P80 million in provincial funds.

Ocampo, who testified at this week's committee hearing, said he was not aware of the irregularity cited by opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

A spokesman of the Tarlac Anti-Graft Council, meanwhile, implicated Rep. Herminio S. Aquino, a relative of President Aquino, in an attempt to cover up scandals taking place in the province.

Jose Esmundo, council spokesman, told Senate reporters the 40-year-old congressman urged Mrs. Cristeta Tabamo, TAGC president, early last month to go slow on protests against irregularities in Tarlac because they might scare away investors.

Esmundo said the congressman made the appeal to Tabamo and the council during the blessing rites of a newly constructed building housing an umbrella factory in Capas town.

He said Aquino feared that

During the initial Senate blue ribbon committee hearing on the Tarlac irregularities, Enrile said some P80 million in provincial funds deposited in the Tarlac branch of the United Coconut Planters Bank were withdrawn under questionable circumstances a few months ago.

Enrile said his informants working in the bank told him UCPB officials asked the Tarlac provincial government to withdraw the amount after they found out that unidentified persons have been drawing money from the provincial fund through questionable means.

Tarlac Vice Mayor Rodolfo Llamas confirmed that the irregularities in the withdrawal of money from the P80-million deposit at the UCPB.

Llamas told reporters the P80 million fund was withdrawn from the Tarlac branch of the UCPB and deposited in the bank's branches in Dagupan, Olongapo, Balanga, Bataan and San Fernando, Pampanga.

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mass actions spearheaded by the anti-graft body in Tarlac might dissuade Taiwanese and other investors from setting up their businesses in the province.

The congressman, according to Esmundo, reportedly told Tabamo: "Baka naman puwedeng itigil ang mga mass action na ganyan. Kasi naman baka matakot ang mga investors."

Esmundo earlier accused Aquino and Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague of a "bribery attempt" to cover up widespread scandals in Tarlac.

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Abolition of college entrance tests urged

Expenses are tremendous

SEN. Mamintal Tamano has sought the abolition of all entrance tests being administered by public universities and colleges for those who wish to enrol in college.

Senate Bill 1311 seeks to prohibit schools from conducting a separate written admission examination for prospective enrollees who have already passed the National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) given by the government.

An average of 175,000 high school seniors take the NCEE every year. Tamano said the cumulative expenses and preparation that go into the yearly exercise is "tremendous and staggering."

"Yet one who passes the NCEE test is not automatically assured of a placement in the institution of his choice, nor the NCEE the last admission examination he has to hurdle," Tamano said.

Various educational institutions, however, still require the students who have passed the NCEE as a policy to take another written test in order to qualify for admission.

Tamano, however, believes that the validity of the NCEE as a criterion for admission in college must be upheld.

"What is objectionable is not the test itself but the fact that fees are imposed and collected," Tamano pointed out.

Tamano said schools rake in millions from fees collected from applicants, considering the number of high school graduates every year.

The proposed measure, however, gives schools a free hand to evaluate other credentials of the student to determine his aptitude and fitness provided that no fee in any form shall be imposed or collected from him.

Tamano proposed the imposition of a P50,000 fine on violators of this Act.

Meanwhile, Sen. Ernesto Maceda asked the Senate to investigate what he considered as an unholy alliance between the education department and the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE) in the handling of public funds for teachers' development.

In filing Senate Resolution 642, Maceda said public and private school teachers have been complaining about the awarding of the contract to FAPE by DECS to manage and administer P250 million in funds intended for their scholarships, retraining and service contracting programmes.

Maceda said that FAPE, a business profit-oriented group, has been collecting management fees equivalent to 15 per cent of the funds involved from DECS for its service, part of which allegedly go to some DECS and school officials by way of fat honoraria.

Maceda said that among the educational programmes of the government that have been placed into the hands of FAPE were:

● The P50-million budget for scholarships to Private Education Financial Assistance (PEFA) wherein FAPE charges a 15-per cent management fee.

● The education service contracting scheme programme with a P100-million budget allotted by Congress.

● The retraining programme of private Secondary Education Development Programme (SEDP) amounting to P100 million.

Maceda said that upon the suggestion of the FAPE, the department is also set to transfer to them the administration of the Faculty Development Component of the Subsidy Law with a budget of P20 million.

"It was never the intention of Congress in appropriating the necessary funds for the programmes and projects to allow DECS to award the implementation, management and administration of the same to a business profit-oriented group like the FAPE," Maceda claimed.

"Secretary Quinsambing seems to have no confidence in her more than 400,000 staff to run a simple scholarship programme," he added.

Dogged pursuit leads to arrest of 'dognappers'

PULILAN, Bulacan — Four men, including an Army sergeant, were arrested by police operatives here while escaping aboard a jeep.

It was easy for police to file the proper charges, since the men were caught with incriminating evidence: eight dogs they allegedly stole from Barangay Sta. Peregrina in this town.

Arrested by the police were S/Sgt. Rodolfo Puzon, 37, of the Army; Mariano Gencio, 24; Aureo Sayson, 31; and Gregorio Nuevo, 42.

Authorities say the arrest of the four suspects solved the mystery of the disappearing dogs in Pulilan and other Bulacan towns.

Lt Tomas De Armas, chief of the Pulilan station, said residents had long been complaining about a group of "dognappers" aboard a stainless jeep who had been going around the area since July, stealing dogs lying on the roadside especially in the wee hours.

Because of the "dognappings," barangay officials began massive ronda patrols, which were apparently successful, since the four suspects, De Armas said, were apprehended after they were tipped off by Sta. Peregrina barangay captain George Santos.

Police set up a road block and netted the men aboard the jeep.

Police confiscated from the four a long pole with a length of wire attached to one end, a device commonly used to snare and strangle stray dogs.

They four now face charges of theft.

Tutors threaten to strike

MANILA public school teachers said they would go on another strike if the government integrates their allowances with their recently-approved basic pay.

Manila Public School Teachers Association (MPSTA) president Fidel Fababier said they obtained a draft of the implementing guidelines on the Salary Standardization Law stating that their P3,02 minimum monthly pay would include all allowances, including the P803 cash benefits they receive from the city government.

Fababier said legislators and cabinet officials had promised them that their basic pay starting July 1, 1989 does not include the P803 allowance from the city government.

"We felt deceived again. And as we said before, we will not hesitate to go back to the streets to demand what is due us," he said.

Huggies for sale

HOPELAND Huggable stuffed toys, manufactured by village cooperatives in depressed areas in Negros Occidental, are now on the market through selected Philipinas Shell dealers and service stations. It was revealed by Millie Kilayco, president of In-Hand Negros Inc. and Philipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI), the toys are produced by some 1,500 members of independent village cooperatives in depressed areas of sugarcandia.

The project is spearheaded by Negros Occidental governor Daniel Lacson, and aims to generate income and employment for the people of Negros. Kilayco said that the project has a production capacity of 20,000 dozens a month. Retail prices of the toys range from P40 to P88 each.



De Armas said the suspects claimed their activities were just harmless katuwaan (pranks).

But many dog owners say the fact that a live dog sells for approximately P300 in the market may have prompted the "dognapping" spree.

De Armas said "dognapping" has become rampant not only in this town but in other parts of the province as well because of the growing number of beer and pub houses serving dog meat as pulutan.

Step down, Honasan urges Cory

A LETTER allegedly written by cashiered Col Gregorio Honasan and circulated in Camp Crame this week urged the immediate resignation of President Aquino for losing "moral and constitutional authority to govern the country."

Close associates of Honasan, however, dismissed the letter as "pure

fiction" coming from either a "fiction shop" engaged in smearing Honasan or from the Americans.

Armed Forces spokesman Col Juanito Reinando also said the letter could have come from anybody.

He also showed specimen of Honasan's signature which was different from the signature that appeared in the letter.

The one-page letter, dated Sept 26, was addressed to the "Commander-in-Chief."

"Watch out for the statement of (US Vice-President Dan) Quayle when he leaves the country," a former associate of Honasan who requested anonymity said.

He said that as a result of this letter he

expects Quayle to assure President Aquino of full US support against all threats, including Honasan.

He said the letter could have been designed to bolster the image of the United States as the "protector of President Aquino."

The letter accused Aquino of violating

the Constitution and of turning the democratic institutions into "self-serving instruments of corruption, mismanagement and incompetence."

It also said Ms Aquino had allowed the proliferation of private army, the entry of hardcore leftists into the government and rising cases of crime and terrorism.

View-point

Memoirs of a leader

By Ruffy E. Sanchez

HE was the most brilliant statesman ever, in the history of the Philippine presidency. With his political platform during his campaign, he left that famous quotation, "And this nation will be great again."

True to his words and deeds, this bar topnotcher fulfilled his promise to millions of Filipinos who were hoping that the impoverished nation would stand up and emerge as one of the richest and powerful nations among the Third World countries. Those were yesteryears of heroism and idolatry when portraits and their symbols were displayed on every wall of the government institutions. Every Filipino recognized them even the most innocent youth annotated their seal with patriotism and compassion.

Time is changing and there's nothing permanent on this troubled earth. The political scenario shifted to another heroine who was inebriated of that huge success paving the way for her ambitions and her countless countrymen deprived of their economic rights. Poor husband's remains in her homeland stir controversial issues on the present administration. Will there be reconciliation at last and is the much elusive peace to be attained if ever Cory Aquino allows them to return home?

Mixed opinions were surveyed and the majority condemns their larceny, human rights abuses and most of all the staggering debt they left which until now and the coming generation has to pay.

Primarily, it is because of the national security the Aquino government is adamant to decide on the Marcos' problem regarding Philippine soil. It is a crucial decision and only time will tell.

It's a fact that Imelda is the cause of the Marcoses' downfall. But Marcos, during his reign used his wife as his gambit to plan and fulfill his political desires to be the greatest Philippine president ever. They thought they were the immortal god and goddess of Mt. Olympus. And Zeus like a prime ruler punishes those demi-gods who do evil.

These septuagenarian president suffered so much. Even the right to pay his last respects to the corpse of his mother was not granted. Money is not the primordial solution to their problems. Marcos deserves a decent burial in his homeland. If only they surrendered themselves to God, their fate would not be a tragic one.

And so it goes the legendary story becoming a folktale told from mouth to mouth. Their remnants will have a didactic effect on political warlords and dictators who greed for power and wealth.

The once champion of democracy now lies cold and crestfallen and may I inscript some old lines of my elegy on his tomb:

Death knows no creed or race
neither wealth nor fame

For man's life is created and shaped
by his communion with God—
the infinite, infallible
supreme ruler of mankind.



Ferdinand Edralin Marcos (1917-1989).

Love that skin — pick the right face mask

DIFFERENT types of facial masks serve different purposes but any skin — dry, oily, a combination of both or acne-prone — can reap the benefits of a healthy, clear complexion, says skin specialist Lia Schorr in her book "Lia Schorr's Seasonal Skin Care."

Facial masks can be applied once a week or once a month, depending on skin type and skin condition, says Schorr.

The different types of masks are:

● Clay or mud. Applied once a week to oily or acne-prone skin, clay is ripe with medicinal as well as cosmetic properties. As the mud dries on the skin's surface, the tightening action provides a "suction" action that gently draws impurities from the pores and revs up circulation.

The drying particles absorb collected oils that are removed from the surface when the mud is washed off. Mud is especially beneficial in cases of back acne, which affects more men than women.

The mask should be applied to the skin and left on for 10 minutes, then rinsed with warm water.

● Scrub masks and cleansing grains usually contain abrasive particles, drying agents and medications, suspended in a cleanser or soap. They are applied to clean skin to remove dead skin cells and surface debris.

Scrubs can be used three times per week. The regular sloughing action aids in the prevention of whiteheads and blackheads and improves the skin's color and texture.

Massage a small amount into the skin with clean fingertips for about two minutes. Use a circular motion, avoiding the eyes. Rinse with lukewarm water. Apply a moisturizer.

Do not use a scrub on acne-prone skin, because it will over-stimulate oil secretions, and spread bacteria and infection. Also, scrubs are not advisable for men with sensitive or overly dry skin because shaving daily acts as an exfoliant.

● Nourishing masks are used on mature, wrinkled, dry or sensitive skin. A nourishing mask softens and smooths the skin without pulling or tightening, leaving a dewy, refreshed appearance. Made of egg and honey, milk, placenta or algae, they

can be applied to the neck. Nourishing masks should be applied in a thick layer to clean skin and left on for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove with clean cotton.

No water is necessary to remove this type of mask.

● Light peeling masks are another form of sloughing that renews the complexion by removing the uppermost layer of skin, where dead cells accumulate and cause a dull, gray, patchy look. Used once a week, a light peeling mask can be applied to all but acne-prone skin.

Leave the mask on for 20 minutes. When it sets, it can be peeled away taking the dull top layer of skin with it, or gently rubbed off with the fingertips in a circulating motion. Follow with a moisturizer.

Dingdong 'just can't stop' singing

RUMOURS have it that Dingdong Avanzado has grown so well-headed already and that he gives problems to most of the people he works with in the business. I guess this usually happens when a teenage heart-throb inches his way to popularity sooner than expected.

But knowing Dingdong personally makes me think that the young man is just going through a state of being misunderstood by many people. He doesn't seem to be the same guy most people and friends knew him way back then when he was an upstart and had more time to spend with trying his best to maintain a dash of success in the entertainment business. Dingdong left partying, socializing and idle chatting with friends and associates for a while just to be able to concentrate in a profession he says is very important to him.

"I always take care of my career," he says. "It's very important to me. I consider this a chance of a lifetime and I don't

intend to let it slip by bad management. I hope that people, including friends will understand that. As far as giving my producers or associates a hard time, that's not true. Maybe, I'm learning the 'ins and outs' of the industry this soon, that's why I have grown quite cynical to about how I deal in with them in the business."

The same dilemma was experienced by two big name concertists of today, Martin Nievera and Gary Valenciano. For a while nasty talks on being snooty and having a "superstar complex" run through the gossip mills until it died down naturally. So long as Dingdong knows his limitations, I don't think there will be any problems here.

Now back to Dingdong. At 21 years old, he considers "being simple and natural" as his biggest assets. His wholesome good looks and easy candor makes him as today's hottest singer. He's actually everybody's kid brother, every girl's dreamboat and every other guy's buddy.



Dingdong

Singing in high school as part of the Kundirana of La Salle was something Dingdong did for fun and for love of music. It has made music indispensable to him so that even while studying for a degree in Political Science, he auditioned for the New Minstrels.

"I've always wanted to sing and now I'm doing it and earning a living. I had a hard time convincing my family that I did the right thing when I left school to concentrate on my career. But now it's paying off. They believe in what I have got to offer as an artist and they have become very supportive to all my endeavours. I don't intend to put my family

nor my followers down. I am doing my best to succeed, and I think I'm halfway there."

Dingdong was easily accepted in New Minstrels, but as preparations were under way for the launching of the band, he decided to quit. A chance meeting with talent manager Roxanne Lapus led to a management contract and a crack at the big league.

As a movie actor, Dingdong leads the pack of young hopefuls. A recent movie "Estudiante Blues," featured him as a main character in a film about today's youth.

If he were to choose between singing and acting in the movies, Dingdong would choose his singing. "I can't think of anything I could do better than sing. I see myself singing for a very long time. It's what I do best, and I'm happy doing it."

These days, Dingdong is busy rehearsing for his first concert at the Ultra on Oct. 7. Considered as a major move in his career which is barely three-years-old, Dingdong's Ultra concert billed "Just Can't Stop," will show how far he has gone in a business that's full of other teen-age idols.

Dingdong had both launching and Valentine shows at the Riza Theatre. He had his first major

concert "Full Blast" at Folk Arts Theatre on December, 1987. His guests were Regine Velasquez, Jamie Rivera and Lilet. The almost two-hour concert will feature Dingdong doing his signature hits like "Tatlong Beinte Singko," "Ikaw Lamang," "Maghihintay sa Iyo," "Makapiling Ka Sana," and "Here I Am" plus other current hit songs. There will be no guest except a group of energetic dancers. Arnold Galang, manager of Dingdong informs us that "Just Can't Stop" will showcase a variety of special effects and big production numbers.

For his second major concert, Dingdong feels confident that he'd make it at the Ultra. "I'm confident I'd make it. I've made the right moves so far in my career. I know what the people like and I'm giving to them what exactly they like."

"Just Can't Stop" will have Dingdong himself directing the concert while music director is Bobby Taylo. Produced by Shine On Productions and official concert station is 89.9 FM.

His choice of recording materials shows how well Dingdong knows his audience. He has made six hit songs to date in six months, and his second album carries more potential hits.

Jo Anne Lorenzana: 'Stronger than before'

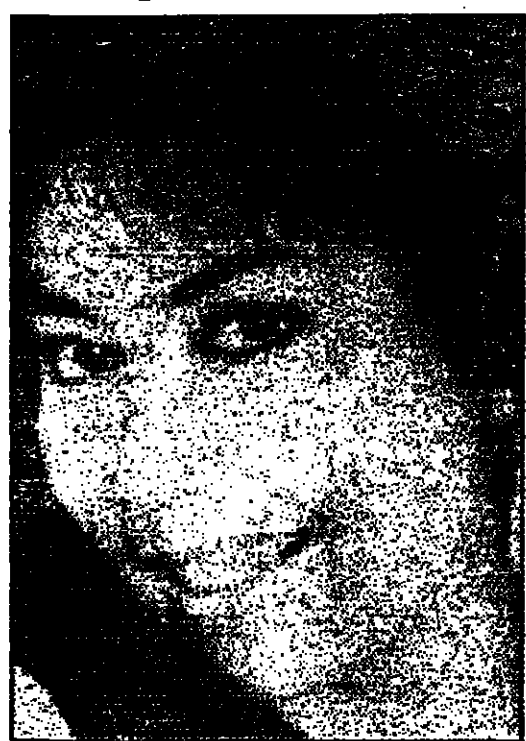
WITH the unforgettable OPM hit, "I'll Never Let You Go," and an enviable stint as official Philippine representative to the recent First Asia Song Festival in Japan among her major career highlights, sultry Jo Anne Lorenzana makes a stronger bid for musical excellence with the release of her debut album under Octo Arts International.

The new album, "Stronger than before," showcases the versatile performer in a more sensitive and energetic pose with a new line-up of potential smashers that include Jo Anne's own upbeat masterpiece, "Hoy, Pakibisnang."

A stunner in the compilation is the heart-stopping title track authored by Jim Ayson and Rina Caniza. The jazzy track marks what could be Jo Anne's finest performance in the album. Inspirational ballads as "With My Love On Your Hands" and "Langit Sa Mundo," her entry to the Asia Songfest, remind any listener of Jo Anne's characteristic delivery of slow tunes while the fast beat cut, "Daydreaming" chooses to cast the Octo Arts artist in a foot-stomping mood.

Scheduled to be the lead-off single, "Daydreaming" will be Jo Anne's debut single after signing up with Octo Arts three months ago. The album "Stronger than before" is released on LPs and high grade tapes nationwide.

A more energetic and sensitive Jo Anne was one of the major attractions in today's edition of "The Sharon Cuneta Show," where she was to launch her new album.



Jo Anne Lorenzana

From the provinces

MANILA: A woman supervisor of a sausage bar was killed during a robbery-holdup staged by three men in Sampaloc.

Capt. Gene Javier, chief of the homicide section of the Western Police District (WPD), identified the victim as Aurea Gabate, 25, of 46 Purple St., GSIS Village, Marikina, supervisor of the Smokey's sausage bar.

She died on the spot from multiple stab wounds in the chest and body.

Her body was found in the kitchen of the sausage bar kiosk of Smokey's Papa St. outlet.

Police said that the victim was preparing for the opening of the store when the three men barged in and held her up. She was alone in the kiosk, police said.

ZAMBOANGA: Zamboanga Rep. Maria Clara L. Lobregat denounced as "hypocritical" the opposition to the revival of jai alai while cockfighting, horse racing, and casino gambling "merrily roll along."

"There is so much hypocrisy here," she batted for the fronton's reopening during the "Viewpoint" television programme hosted by Ricardo V. Puno Jr on Channel 7.

Lobregat said nobody complained that jai alai was immoral when President Manuel L. Quezon ushered it in by signing Commonwealth Act No. 485 into law in 1939. The solon said it is not tenable today after it had given tremendous benefits to the nation.

Lobregat said House Bill 24632 not only insures the raising of P500 million to P1 billion in revenues for the government and restoring of the means of livelihood of thousands, but also eliminates the causes of the scandals which have plagued the "game of a thousands thrills" before it was closed in 1986.

MANILA: The probe of an entire team of fiscal agents of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) linked to a supposedly sequestered car which had been sold a number of times to different people will start soon.

PCGG Chairman Mateo Caparas had directed Commissioner David Castro to head the probe. Castro, in a meeting with newsmen yesterday, said he had instructed Col. Reynaldo Flores, PCGG consultant on intelligence and security, to start the investigation.

Caparas ordered last week the investigation of the entire team which conducted the seizure of 11 vehicles from Fernando Timbol, a former Malacanang employee, last Aug. 6, 1986.

A member of the team had testified that 11 cars had been seized from Timbol had taken into custody by the PCGG. But one of the 11 cars, which belonged to Timbol's sister, had mysteriously changed ownership until it was impounded by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

Guillermo T. Maglaya, law enforcement chief of LTO, had arrested the driver of a retired general's wife for trying to register the car with the LTO.

Those who are facing the probe are Roy L. Candelaria, team leader of the PCGG fiscal agents, Mario Obice, Osborn Tobale, Prospero Cegnera, Ely Salonga, Victor Banique, Oscar Entrata, Capt. Rosendo Luhatat, Capt. Romeo Salandanan, Luisito Cruz, Jarry Salmore, Rex Lopez, Oscar Bughu, Manuel Planas, and Capt. Arturo Avila.

Maglaya has ordered a separate probe on the "mysterious changes" in the ownership of the car in question.

MANILA: Four Manila city officials, led by City Engineer Pablo Suarez, and several other persons are facing graft charges before the Office of the Ombudsman.

The complaint was filed on Aug. 11, 1989 by Carlos Torres, one of the lawyers of the owners of the controversial "Yayang" building in Divisoria.

Aside from Suarez, the others charged for alleged violation of section 3 (c) of Republic Act 3019 were Barangay Alabala, city building official; Jose Parellito, city legal officer; Robert Jacoba, employee of the city engineer's office; Manuel Salvador, tenant; Dr. Buenaventura Cruz, tenant; and several "John

Does."

Torres is represented by prominent lawyer Rodolfo U. Jimenez.

In his complaint, Torres said that the respondents conspired with one another in obstructing the repair work on the four-story "Yayang" building at the corner of C.M. Recto Ave. and Ilaya St.

Torres said that Suarez and some of his co-respondents had earlier issued the necessary permit for the repair of the building but which was later revoked despite an order of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The complainant said the tenants of the building, through Dr. Buenaventura Cruz, had filed petitions at the Manila Regional Trial Court and the Court of Appeals to stop the repair. Both petitions, however, were dismissed by the courts on the grounds that the permits issued by Suarez were valid and in order.

Despite the ruling of the courts, Suarez revoked on June 30, 1989 the previous permits because the building owners failed to secure a new permit for the alleged violations of the original repair permits granted by Suarez.

The matter was appealed to DWPB Undersecretary Teodoro Encarnacion who ordered Suarez to suspend the revocation order until the issue is resolved.

ANGELES CITY: An all-out campaign against graft and corruption is being waged on the barangay level in Pampanga by the Katipunan ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi), a civic organization, it was learned yesterday.

Former assemblyman Eiler Dula Torres, Kampi national president, said that the association is now conducting an information campaign aimed at inculcating awareness among the barrio people of the dire consequences of graft and corruption.

Torres said that to be successful, the fight against graft and corruption must begin with the people who should be made aware of their duties and rights as responsible citizens.

He said he has been going around Pampanga to explain the government's "policy of transparency" and how an ordinary citizen can assist in the anti-graft drive by exposing the malpractices of public officials.

The former Angeles City fiscal said that the participation of the barangay people should be tapped in the anti-graft drive because, he said, "they are the most effective guardians of public funds and trust."

Unscrupulous officials would be discouraged from committing irregularities in the implementation of government projects if the people keep on monitoring their activities, Torres said.

He assured the public that Kampi members are ready to assist those who would want to expose anomalous transactions in the government.

QUEZON CITY: Police probes looking into the murder of 13-year-old boy and the disappearance of his companion last Saturday have arrested a barangay councilman who was identified as the boy's killers.

Maj. Pepito Campos, QC police chief of investigator, identified the suspect as Arturo R. Ison, 38, councilman of barangay Batasan Hills.

Ison was nabbed by operatives led by Pfc. Rolando Fernandez, police investigator, after a witness pointed to him as the one responsible for the custody of the two boys caught stealing pigeons in Filinvest I subdivision at dawn last Saturday.

Fernandez said that the president of the Luzviminda Homeowners Association identified as Antonio Nativio will also be held liable for trying to cover up the killing.

The body of the victim, Carlito B. Enfermo, was found lying in a pool of blood in Filinvest I last Saturday. He died after being brought to the hospital by Nativio.

Enfermo's friend, 12-year-old Romeo Trafani, is still missing. He is presumed to have been likewise executed.

Fernandez said the two victims were picked up by security guards Antonio T. Tenorio, 22, and Chito Catalan while they were stealing pigeons from a house in Filinvest I.

Four other boys who accompanied Enfermo and Trafani were able to escape.

Tenorio told Fernandez that they turned over Trafani and Enfermo to Ison immediately after they were collared.

MANILA: The accredited contractors of the National Housing Authority (NHA) formed a "spokesman committee" upon the request of NHA General Manager Monico V. Jacob to facilitate the holding of regular dialogues which are "vital in attaining the common objective of the government and the contractors to build affordable houses for the low- and marginal-income beneficiaries."

The "Spokesman committee" is composed of Eduardo R. Aytona, chairman; Polly B. Alberto, vice-chairman; Roy D. Tabangay, Tom V. Lumpuan Jr. and Armando E. Consuelo, members; and Roger E. Panolas, legal counsel.

The NHA general manager has scheduled a monthly meeting with the "spokesman committee" on procedures governing project planning and implementation, additional work or change order and price modifications, documentation and evaluation, processing of payments, project site information, feedback, reporting, and acceptance of finished or completed projects.

CAVITE CITY: A court here has acquitted a woman trader of estafa on two counts through falsification of commercial documents.

In a 10-page decision written by Executive Judge Rolando D. Diaz of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite, Branch 17, Liberty Cabanela, a cloth merchant, was acquitted of both charges on the ground of "reasonable doubt."

The charge sheets filed by the city prosecutor's office said Cabanela allegedly stole, on two separate occasions, four blank pre-signed dollar account checks belonging to a management supervisor working in Saudi Arabia and, by making entries, defrauded complainant of thousands of dollars.

The accused, represented by lawyer Arturo M. Topacio Jr., denied writing on two of the questioned checks and, while admitting writing on the two other checks, said that she did so on the request of one of the complainant's sons, who gave her the check in payment for her goods.

QUEZON CITY: Quezon City police operatives arrested for the third time the suspected mastermind of a robbery gang and four of his men for alleged involvement in a series of bank robberies in Metro Manila.

Arrested by members of the QC intelligence and special operations division (ISOD) were Rafael Verchez, 40, suspected mastermind; Raymond Lee, 36; Rolando Pantes, 22; Emmanuel Villareal, 31; and Ruben Canillac, 39, all residents of Pasig, Metro Manila.

Col. Rodolfo Garcia, QC police chief, said that the five were suspected members of the "Verchez Gang" which was tagged as the group staging bank robberies in Metro Manila in the past six years.

Verchez and his two brothers have been arrested twice by policemen. They are now facing robbery cases before courts in Quezon City, Calocan City, and Makati.

Garcia said intelligence men nabbed the five men Thursday, afternoon on Katipunan Road, QC.

Police recovered from the five suspects a Toyota Corolla car, one hand grenade, one M-16 automatic rifle, one .45 caliber revolver, and three revolvers.

Among the banks suspected to have been victimized by the gang were the Home Savings Bank in Makati, the Bank of the Philippine Islands, and the Balintawak Loan and Savings Bank in Quezon City.

The gang was previously busted by Col. Romeo San Diego, assistant superintendent of the Northern Police District (NPD), and Lt. Fluto Casayuran, QC police assistant homicide chief.

LUCENA CITY: A new scheme to ferret out tax evaders here was launched last week by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) district office No. 39 here headed by lawyer Juan C. Villanueva.

Dubbed as "Operation Sunshine," the scheme calls for the daily verification of the sales receipts and invoices used by value-added tax (VAT) and non-VAT taxpayers by revenue enforcement officers (REO).

Villanueva said that the examiners will counter-sign the receipts and will return at the close of business hour to find how many invoices were issued the whole day.

Embassy Corner

Grand summer festival

THE Touristic Enterprises Company of Kuwait (TEC) has invited the participation of the Philippines in its "Grand Summer Festival" of the family beaches, during the period from 11 October, this Wednesday, upto 3 November, a Friday.

The festival will be covered by local and international media through television stations and news agencies. Philippine participation is expected through a trade and cultural exhibition, folkloric shows, and display and sale of native goods and food delicacies.

We are, therefore, extending the same invitation to members of the Filipino community to come out and present their goods for exhibition and/or sale. For details, please contact Mr. Gil Henao of the Embassy at tel. nos. 252-1754, 252-3034, and 252-4398. Anybody can join provided the activities are co-ordinated at the embassy.

Hatid-Saya '89

The Steering Committee of "Hatid-Saya '89," composed of Philippine Embassy officials and officials of the seven (7) Filipino organizations in Kuwait (Kapilku), Flassik, PBAK, Spok, FCC, Filcheck, and the Kanayans are now busy attending to the finer details of arranging for the presentation of "Hatid-Saya '89" in Kuwait.

The date of the show is definitely 12 November 1989. There will be 2 shows: the first at 3:00 pm, the other and final show will be at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the Philippine Embassy, the officials of the seven (7) organizations, selected commercial establishments and at the seven (7) gate, two (2) hours before showtime. Tickets will be priced at KD 2 and KD 1.

There have been changes in the list of participants: Pilita Corrales will not be able to make it but the singing/comic duo of Romeo Vargas and Renato Gomez will join the group.

The place is still left undecided, but arrangements are being made.

Watch out for further details in this corner!

If you have any queries you wish the embassy to reply to and have them printed in this newspaper, please address them to Philippine Embassy, P.O. Box 26288 Safat 13123 Kuwait, Attn: Embassy Corner, Arab Times.

EVENTS

Rock 'n' Roll, beat of the 60's



Flassik Treasurer RC Ruiz & sponsor Don Jayantha Kannangara rock 'n' roll the night away.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1989 proved to be an evening of fun, rhythmically pulsating music, and sumptuous food, at Al-Jahra Ballroom, Le Meridien Hotel. Flassik '89 transported their members, supporters and friends to the era of great rockers and rollers like Elvis Presley, the Beatles, and the Rolling Stones. They spun to the time when the generation went agog over dance crazes like twist, cha-cha, jiving, and of course, rock and roll. The nostalgic ambience of the affair was intensified by a presentation put together by the Flassik officers and friends, that further led the audience down the memory lane.

In one of her rare front-line stunts, Flassik director Esther Madamba delivered a highly-acclaimed opening speech. She reiterated the need for internal solidarity within the Filipino community, as to combat social injustices that are perpetually inflicted to a lot of fellow countrymen. She further remarked that Flassik '89, with its noble intentions and interventions, would never hesitate to serve as an instrument of love and care for the less endowed Filipinos. In conclusion, she extended heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of the officers, for the magnanimity of friends and supporters toward the organisation.

Five exotic-looking ladies — Edna, Lorna, Marivic, and Lani who constitute the renowned Hagibis group of Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital, proved once again their versatility as they transformed themselves into gorgeous-looking men, and awed the audience with their song-and-dance number.

The guest speaker of the affair is the vivacious and dynamic Charge D'Affaires of the Philippine Embassy, Consul General Olivia Palala, who lauded the philanthropic deeds of Flassik '89. She was introduced by an equally dynamic personality, Flassik President Grace fe Covarrubias who has been vigorously leading her group this year.

The highlight of the show was the Rock 'n' Roll Dance Contest, participated in by swinging couples. The members of the Board of Judges, Consul-Gen-

eral Olivia Palala, chairman, Freddie Fernando, Vennie Garira Paras and Esther Madamba, had difficulty in deciding the verdict, since all of the contestants displayed splendid grace and rhythmic movements in dancing expected only of winners. The swinging couple who were proclaimed winner and garnered the title "Flassik '89 Rockers 'N' Rollers," were the Nesty Blas — Siolan Elenito tandem. Trophies and gifts were awarded to the winners, with courtesy of Don Jayantha Kannangara, the dynamic man behind Trico International Forwarders.

As a tribute to the winners, Marivic Castillo and Steve Tamayo of Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital displayed a superb example of rock and roll rhythmic dance movements. This further proved that the years that elapsed since the 60's never lessened the clamour of such a dance craze.

The closing remarks were delivered by the ever-efficient Flassik '89 Treasurer and event Chairperson, RC Ruiz.

Flassik '89 wishes to thank Don Jayantha Kannangara of Trico International Forwarders for his generosity in sponsoring the entire project, "Rock 'n' Roll, Beat Of The 60's."

The proceeds of this project went to the welfare fund of the organisation, which would effectively help in the upliftment of unfortunate conditions of fellow countrymen.

Watch out for this forthcoming attraction: It's eerie! It's spooky!... yet, thrilling and exciting!

An evening of adventure to the world beyond! Join Flassik '89 in their next project, "Halloween," a costume party, that will be held on October 31, 1989, at Al-Jahra Ballroom, Le Meridien Hotel.

For more particulars, please contact the following Flassik officers: Chary Nepumoceno, tel. no. 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo, 3940600 ext. 2230, RC Ruiz, 4849400 ext. 298, and Lorna Adil, 5312700 ext. 2247.

Grand finals approaching

FRESH from the grand success of the last stage of the Kapilku night, the Grand Finals are forthcoming tagged as ALIW '89. See your favourite Filipino singers vie for the title of "Best Filipino Singer in Kuwait." The grand finals for the Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and the Sing-Alike contest will be held on Friday, October 27 at Holiday Inn Hotel at 4.30 pm. Another successful project of the Kapisanang Pilipino Sa Kuwait (KAPILKU).

The winners in the Bagong Kampeon who will automatically qualify for the grand finals are:

March 1989 winners: Milite Domingo, champion; Leonardo Lapira, second place; Vic San Buenaventura, third place.

April 1989 winners: Benny Perez, champion; Romy Aloyado, second place; Kernel Singh, third place.

September 1989 winners: Paul Randrup, champion; Ric Galang, second place; Ramon Monteverde, third place.

The winners in the Sing-Alike contest who also qualify for the grand finals are:

March 1989 winners: Milano Mendez, champion; Kernel Singh, second place; Medel Cruz, third place.

April 1989 winners: Andy Gabriel, champion; Mario Audie Calo, second place; Ric Galang, third place.

September 1989 winners: Rey Lapuebla, champion; Jeffrey Gallardo, second place; Rufely Gaudia, third place.

All winners are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4843447 or Rod Cerezo, on telephone number 2434630. The chairperson of this project is Sarah Macarimbang, supported by the wonderful voice of Kuwait, Rod Cerezo.



Rock 'n' roll contestants Tarek & Edna receive tokens from Don Jayantha Kannangara & the Flassik president.

BBC World Service

Cole Porter among friends

COLE Porter left the world a rich legacy of familiar songs such as Night and Day, Let's Do It, I Get a Kick Out of You and Begin the Beguine. But did you know that his first successes were football songs or that he had a formal musical training under some of Europe's leading composition teachers? Steve Race presents the familiar and unfamiliar sides of Cole Porter's words and music and introduces performances by some of his greatest interpreters in this, the first of eight programmes.

Tuesday, October 10 at 12:45 and 17:45.

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Just remember two things ... It's not

Fair and Don't be Late

SET in August 1940, this play by Terence Frisby tells the story of two English boys who, like thousands of other children, were evacuated from London to a place in the country, safe from the threat of German bombing. But they have problems adapting to their second home — and the war, once remote, begins to edge closer when the elderly couple who care for them receive a telegram from the War Office. Terence Frisby narrates his play which stars Charles Clarke and Boris Hunda as the boys and Ray Smith and Petra Davies as the couple.

Sunday, October 8 at 21:30 Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01 m

Stories by LP Hartley

THE price of the Absolute: When you're obsessed with antiques, only the best will do — even if you can't afford it. Robert Lang reads the tale of a man who finds a wonderful vase in a shop and lets himself be talked into buying it.

Sunday, October 8 at 05:15

Monday, October 9 at 17:45

Thursday, October 12 at 11:15

Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01 m

15.07 MHz/19.91 m 11.76 MHz/25.51 m

Back to square one

THE English Language is full of curious phrases and sayings. In this week's programme, Chris Serle will be asking team captains Pam Ayres and Leslie Thomas, along with their guests, for definitions of expressions such as "sleep like a top" and "under the sun". Also on the menu are the intriguing stories behind simple words like "bikini."

Sunday, October 8 at 06:30

Monday, October 9 at 20:15

Wednesday, October 11 at 11:30

Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01 m

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Radio Programmes

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening

0830 News

0840 Easy Listening

1000 Songs and Music

1300 Easy Listening

1330 News

1400 Classical Music

1600 Easy Listening

1700 Latin American Hour

1800 Pops

1900 Heiter Skeler

2130 News

2145 Pops

2200 Jazz Hour

2300 Easy Listening

3400 Instrumental Music

0200 Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

Morning

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran

9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

9.50 Around The World: Cartoon Serial

10.05 Magazine D'Actualite

10.15 Shay Ismoh Al Hob: Arabic Serial (part 7)

11.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

11.30 That's Incredible: Variety Programme

12.30 News Summary

12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

Evening

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

4.15 The World Today via Satellite

4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: Cartoon Serial (part 8)

5.15 Cartoons

5.45 Night: Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements

6.00 Al Tarcoq Jla Al Qods: Historical Serial (part 8)

7.00 Variety

7.15 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabat: Local Programme

8.00 Cultural Programme

8.30 Good Evening and Local News

9.00 Arabic News

9.45 Ahlan Ya Jeddo Al Aziz: Arabic Serial (part 8)

10.30 Rase Al Seil: Bedouin Serial (part 2)

11.45 News Summary

11.20 The World Today Via Satellite

12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening: Announcement & Holy Quran

6.10 The New: Three Stooges: A cartoon series for children

6.30 Munsters Today: A film is produced about Herman's family, but the surprise is still ahead.

7.00 Mutual of Omaha's: Man is the only enemy of elephants and rhin-

oceroses. The Wild Animals Protection Association cooperates with governments to save such animals...

8.00 News in English

8.30 Bergerac: "Prime Target" The body of a Jersey resident is discovered in St. Malo in France and Bergerac is sent out by the bureau to investigate. There he becomes entangled with a solicitor and having an affair with a wealthy woman!

9.30 Life and Death: A look at hurricanes and storms which strike many areas leaving death and destruction behind...

10.00 The Robert Guillaume Show: Bestseller, "Dada is Death", Part-2. Kevin and Jef are sentenced to death, but Kevin's mother refuses to give up her son's case and struggles to set him free. Will she achieve her goal?

10.30 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

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12.45 Magazine D'Actualite

Cinema

Al Andalus

Young Guns

Salimya

Moonstruck

Al Hamra

Arabic film

Drive-In

Arabic film

Al Firdos

Do Premee

Fahadheel open

Raste Pyar Ki

Fahadheel

Scalps

Al Jahra

Sargam

Granada

Toofan

Salaibikhat

Welcome to 18

Jleeb

Mudra

Ahmadi Drive-in

Commando Wild Geese.

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Asr 2.56 pm

Maghreb 5.26

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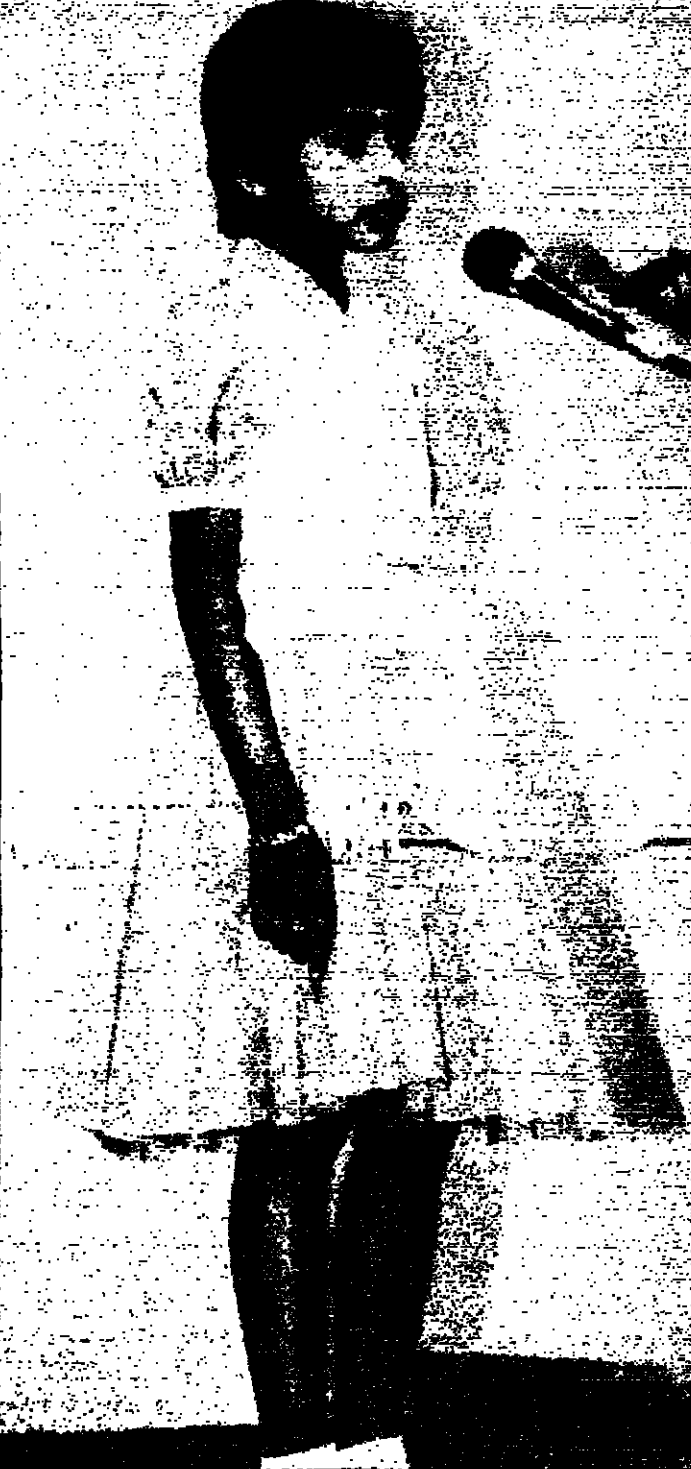
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One of the participants

Nehru Centenary celebration

A VOCAL and instrumental competition was held by the United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) as part of its Nehru Centenary celebration on Friday. The programme was opened by Indian First Secretary Abdul Khalique. Several participants took part in the competition, coordinated by Devadas Panninessery and Nissar Ahmad. Names of winners will be announced shortly.

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884, 2434776/56291-41 4310913 after 5 pm.

Breeze 89

Tim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Moods & Melody

"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts

Sheba Sound

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at

the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi

Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Bengali Cultural Society

Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October 1989. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

Kalkap's drama competition

KERALA Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalkap) is organising a Malayalam drama competition at Indian Arts Circle on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will be considered for the competition. Prizes will be

awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction, stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir Award) best actress and best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Mr. Varghese Parayil, POB 47, 13001 Safat, Kuwait, no later than 31st Oct 1989.

For more details pls contact

Varghese (Tel: 5635481), Kurien (Tel: 5658072) or Balakrishnan (Tel: 4316737).

Carnatic Music

THERE will be a Music Performance by Maharajapuram Santhanam on October 17, 1989. For your reservations contact Tel: 5627718 or 5631230 or 5612114.

LTL Bazaar

ALL vendors who want to be in the bazaar must come to the vendor's meeting at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 8 from 4-6 pm in the Safat Room. For information call: 4873183 from 3:30 - 6 pm.

Sir Syed Day

Aligarh Muslim University old boys will celebrate Sir Syed

Day on 26th October at 8 p.m. at SAS Hotel.

Competitions for all participating children will be held in various categories in fancy dress, painting, general and Islamic knowledge etc. Please contact Farid Chowdhury (Tel: 4842037/5623585), Zahoorullah Shah (5657479/4891275) Salman Siddiqui (3923393).

Boys own club

Boys own club are happy to announce that they will organise their one day seven a side football festival on 12th of Oct. 1989 at Al Sour ground. The draw will be held at 6.30 am on the same day and the matches will start at 7 am sharp. This tournament has been sponsored by M/s Kuwaiti British Ready Mix Company.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe D'Souza on Tel No. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

Danish meeting

Oct 19, 7 pm. Daniella starts social season with "Grilleaften" (BBO Evening) at the Gazelle Club. For reservations please call Karen-Marie Tel: 3715146 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Oct 17.

Milad Mahfil

THE Bangladesh Associa-

tion, Kuwait will hold a Milad Mahfil to observe Eid-e-Miladunnabi on Thursday, Oct 12 at 4.30 pm at the embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

British Council

Pursuits: HEAVENLY, Oct 14 and Sunday, Oct 15 at 6.30 pm (91 min.). This is a gentle comedy which deals quietly, affectionately and sensitively with some controversial issues; faith versus science, belief versus scepticism, miracles versus the potential of men to rise above their circumstances. The acting is excellent and the photography reveals a whole new side of Glasgow. It is enjoyable, interesting and leaves one feeling good when the credits roll.

Lecture — The British MBA: There will be a lecture in the British Council Gallery at 6.00 pm on Monday, Oct 9 on the subject of the Master of Business Administration degree in Britain. There will be information on institutions offering accredited full-time courses, details of entrance requirements, the cost of tuition fees and much more!

Woody Woodpecker and His Friends: Wednesday, Oct

18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 18 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buzz Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

Bharat Mela

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LOST

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Toronto overcome Oakland

Blue Jays close gap

TORONTO, Oct. 7, (Reuters): The Toronto Blue Jays fought their way back into the American League championship series with a convincing 7-3 come from behind victory over the Oakland Athletics last night.

The Jays erupted for four runs in the fourth inning to erase a 3-0 deficit and added three more in the seventh to score their first win of the best-of-seven game series.

The Athletics won the first two games in Oakland and hold a 2-1 edge, but the Blue Jays can level the series with a win in Toronto later this evening.

The National League championship series resumes in San Francisco this evening with the Giants and Chicago Cubs tied at one game each.

Toronto starting pitcher Jimmy Key got the victory, while

Storm Davis, who had not allowed a run in two previous career championship series starts, took the loss for Oakland.

Lloyd Moseby led off Toronto's big inning with a walk that was followed by singles from Mookie Wilson and Fred McGriff to load the bases.

Blue Jays slugger George Bell knocked in his team's first run with a sacrifice fly to left field.

The two remaining runners scored to level the game 3-3 when Tony Fernandez lined a double toward the right field corner.

Ernie Whitt then singled Fernandez home to give the Blue Jays a 4-3 lead that they never relinquished.

The Jays extended their lead with a three-run seventh inning that victimized three Oakland pitchers.

Fernandez started the rally with his second double and one out later Davis intentionally walked Kelly Grubbs.

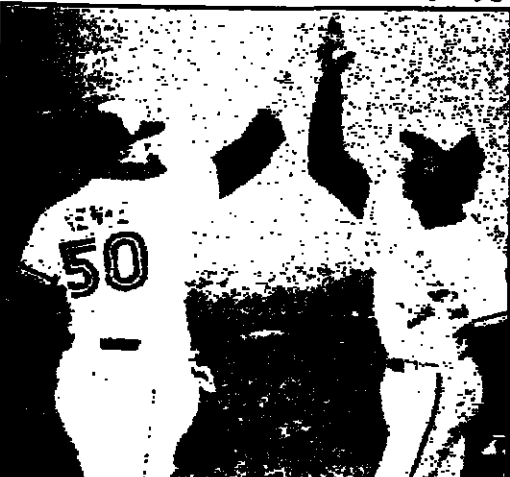
Davis was replaced by Rick Honeycutt, who gave up singles to Manny Lee and Junior Felix that put the Jays ahead 5-3. Honeycutt walked Moseby with bases loaded to force in another run and he was relieved by Gene Nelson.

Wilson then singled to right field to bring Lee home. A strong throw by Jose Canseco caught Felix trying to score and prevented an eighth run, but the damage was done and the Jays were well on their way to victory.

Oakland drew first blood in the first inning when Rickey Henderson scored on a Mark McGwire sacrifice fly.



Athletics Rickey Henderson grimaces as he catches his foot on the base. (Reuters wirephoto)



Blue Jays' Tom Henke (left) and Tony Fernandez slap hands. (Reuters wirephoto)



Tony Fernandez hits a double to rightfield during 4th innings. (Reuters wirephoto)

Karpov outplays Yusupov

LONDON, Oct. 7, (AP): Anatoly Karpov moved into a 2-1 lead in the World Chess Championship candidates' semifinal yesterday after his fellow Soviet Arthur Yusupov resigned their adjourned third round game without resuming play.

Play had been adjourned after six hours of battle Thursday with Karpov holding an overwhelming advantage in an endgame.

Yvette Nagel, a match official, said Yusupov gave up yesterday morning.

The winner of the candidates' cycle will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his title in a 24-game match in October 1990. The winners of the eight-game semifinal contests will face off in the candidates' final next March.

In the second semifinal, Jan Timman of the Netherlands was leading British grandmaster Jon Speelman 2-1 after winning their second round on Tuesday. Their third round, Thursday, was drawn, and they did not play yesterday. Play resumes this evening.

A win scores one point and a draw a half. Karpov's victory follows an exciting zig-zag struggle where Yusupov appeared on the verge of a

dramatic triumph over Karpov, who held the world title for 10 years until losing to Kasparov in 1985.

But in the final minutes of play on Thursday, Yusupov's nerve snapped. He made a grave mistake on the 59th move and lost a bishop.

Last Monday, Kasparov won a top-notch tournament in the Dutch port city with a crushing score of 12 points out of 14.

The result is likely to catapult the 26-year-old titleholder past America's Bobby Fischer as the highest ranked player of all time, when the bi-annual international ranking list is published on January 1.

For the past five years, Karpov, 38, and Kasparov have been locked in a bitter personal and professional battle stretching over a record-shattering four world title bouts.

Karpov is favourite to win the candidates' cycle and faceoff against Kasparov for a fifth time.

"Karpov has been badly off form in this match. He was in trouble in the second game as well," Garcia said. "But now he's won a game he will be able to pull himself up. He's very likely to win the match now."

If either contest ends in a 4-4 tie, two further games will be played.

Tyson in great shape for fight

ALBANY, New York, Oct. 7, (AP): Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, who moved his training camp from Las Vegas, is in great shape for his upcoming title fight against Canadian champion Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, his spokesmen said.

Tyson went eight five-minute rounds with 30-second rests yesterday with three sparring partners, including former heavyweight champion Greg Page, said Paul Scaria, Cleveland-based spokesman for boxing promoter Don King.

Earlier in the day, Tyson, who arrived in Albany late Thursday, ran four miles (6 kilometres) and did 200 sit-ups, said Tyson trainer Aaron Snowwell of Orwell, Ohio.

Over 2,000 pay tribute to Giamatti

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Oct. 7, (AP): With as many laughs as tears, more than 2,000 people joined in mourning the death and celebrating the life of former Yale president and baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

The tributes yesterday to Giamatti were filled with references to the great works of literature that were close to his heart, to his own writings and speeches — and to his love for baseball.

Giamatti, a resident of the New Haven suburb of Hamden, died Sept 1 after suffering a heart attack at his weekend retreat on

Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. He was 51, and five months into his new job as commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Giamatti earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Yale and joined its faculty in 1966.

Monday League starts

THE K.B.R.C. Monday Kuwait Darts League took to the boards last week, as the first round fixtures of the 1989-90 season were played, with the two new teams in this year's league meeting with mixed fortunes. Tynes Toss P.P. proved too heady a brew for Mishraf's Star of the Year taking both matches 5-1 and 3-1. T.C.F. came up against Monroe's, who, having led their linguistic skills lapse, proved to be stars of the silver board on the night in taking all the points with 4-2 and 3-1 wins. Allan Anderson led the way with the season's first 140, whilst Au Zobrist earned the first Ladies Trophy with 2 scoring Mickey Mouse triples.

Exiles picked up where they left off, cruising to a fairly comfortable 4-2 result against Ragamuffins, where Tony Robinson narrowly missed his 140 having to settle for a 135. Reigning champions Bags have had to wait to start their new campaign as the music loving duo Brahms & Liszt, formed from the ruins of Wallengers, had to postpone their initial encounter.

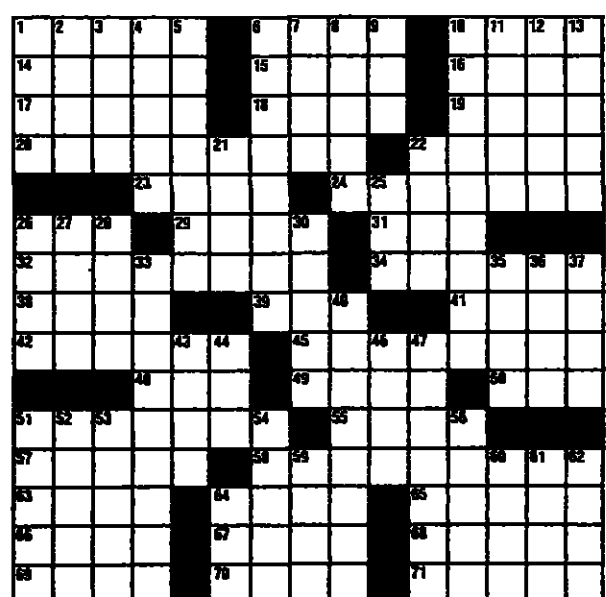
In the final match, Campagnologists struck several familiar chords against perennial rivals Cottar Hoose, where only skipper Marshall Byers prevented a whitewash by beating opposing captain Dougie Francis, both players making 3 high scores. Ladies team Appeslers also sounded a warning to other sides in the absence of last year's winners Bandits, by beating the 1988-89 runners-up C.H. Ladies 3-1, as Marilyn Francis made an early claim on her Ladies trophy with 3 Mickey Mouse bulls.

The decision overturns a vote taken five years ago when the clubs were overwhelmingly in favour of retaining playing ties with the South Africans.

Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) president Clive Rowlands, who strongly condemned the recent tour of South Africa by a world XV, which included several Welsh players said the voting was 276-113 in favour of ending links with the republic.

Welsh cut links with South Africa

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Catfight
 - Wading bird
 - Arca
 - Mitchell's heroine
 - Zola heroine
 - Bowl-in, for one
 - Dud
 - Lamar of the silver screen
 - Sound from a den
 - Make a production of
 - Fret
 - Made a point
 - Persia's "Great" king
 - Possess
 - Scion
 - Merry month
 - Equality State's capital
 - Gist
 - Zeus's wife
 - School of whales
 - Study of nos.
 - Tempestuous
 - Leach
 - Conk out
 - The Caine, for one
 - Myra of the movies
 - Resident of "The Last Frontier"
 - Height: Prefx
 - Tale, in Toulon
 - Collection
 - Small red monkey
 - Wander
 - Arizona Indians
 - Skater Heiden
 - Flaubert's Bovary
 - Egg-shaped
 - Playing cards
- DOWN**
- Auctioneer's word
 - "Moonstruck" star
 - Vishnu incarnation
 - Odor
 - Verve
 - Concealed
 - Folk-singer
 - Joan
 - Part of a scholarly tome
 - "When"
 - Martin's
 - "That's —"
 - Unreliable ones
 - Daughter of Henry VIII
 - Young adult
 - Outback denizen
 - Publisher
 - Adolph
 - Sharpen
 - Agrippina's son
 - Garners
 - Measuring tool
 - Precipitation
 - Bismarck
 - "— All Laughed"
 - Hopburn film
 - Great sages
 - Emcee's need
 - Certain vote
 - Fertile
 - Opportunity
 - Played the ham
 - Bay of Biscay feeder
 - Caper
 - Ruth's mother-in-law
 - Baseball's Tony
 - Identity
 - Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
 - Barrar
 - French-Belgian river
 - Corded fabric

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NORTH
♠ 8 4
♥ A K 9 7 5
♦ J 9 8
♣ 9 8 4

WEST
♠ K 7 3
♥ J 6 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ Q J 10 6

EAST
♠ 9 6 5 2
♥ Q 10 8 3
♦ 3
♣ 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10
♥ Void
♦ A K Q 10 6 5 2
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
7 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

You could look through all the bridge books in your library without finding a single clue on how you should bid this hand. That's because bridge writers concentrate on describing how to bid the sort of hand that crops up with considerable frequency, rather than a once-in-a-lifetime holding.

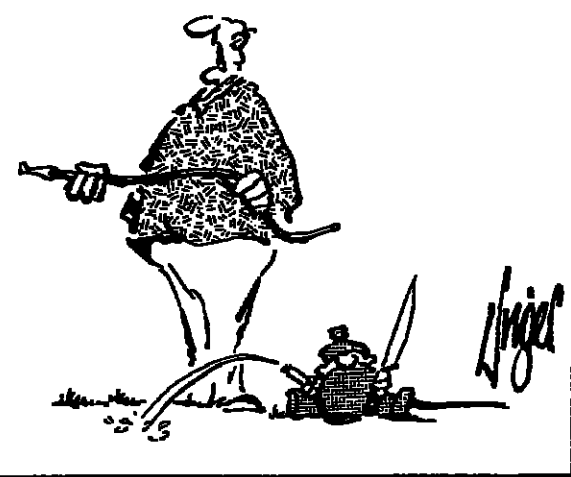
Our own preference would be to show the spade suit after the two-heart response, but we can't fault

South for electing to rebid a solid seven-card suit first. North correctly set the trump suit by raising diamonds, and South, obviously a bit of a plunger, decided to end the auction by gambling on a grand slam in diamonds.

West led the queen of clubs, taken in the closed hand. At first glance it might seem that declarer is going to need the spade finesse for the fulfilling trick. That might well turn out to be necessary, but there is another chance that declarer tested first.

South led a diamond to dummy's eight and ruffed a heart high. Another trump to the nine drew the last enemy fang and provided the entry to cash the ace and king of hearts for two spade discards, followed by another heart ruff.

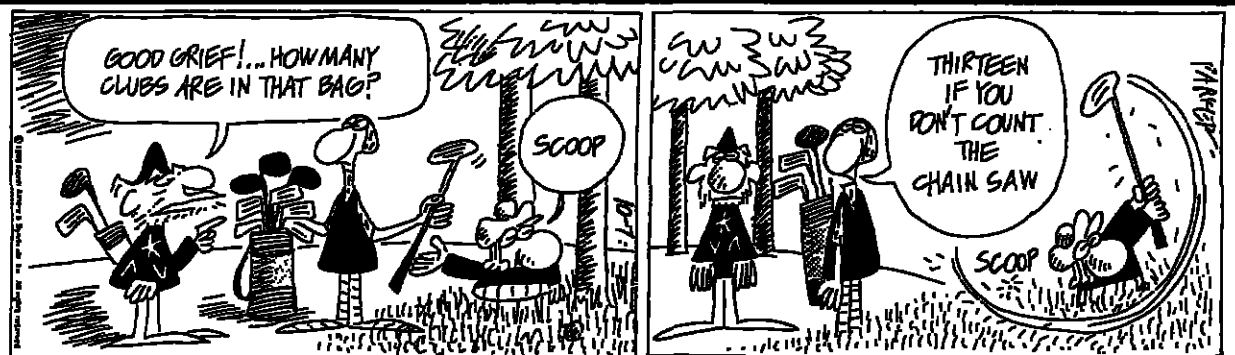
Had the heart suit not divided evenly, declarer would have had to cross back to the board with the last trump and try the spade finesse. However, this was his lucky day. Hearts were 4-4, and a long heart was established in dummy. The jack of diamonds provided the entry, and declarer was able to discard the queen of spades, thus making the slam without having to resort to a finesse.



"Is he allowed to play with knives? He's cut my hose!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You will be better able to adapt to circumstances. Your lucky numbers are 20 and 36. Make every effort to stay on good terms with your partner. Do not make a mountain out of a molehill. Be respectful.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
Make sure you do not exceed limits where speed or other aspects of safety are concerned. A good talk will help you to take the right action. You will find a better way of doing something you have to do as a matter of routine. Be moderate.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
Something you have long wished to do will now become possible. You should show yourself more interested in something that interests your partner. Do not spend more money than you can readily afford. Be amenable.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You would do well to spend a little more time tidying up. Avoid getting into disorderly habits either. You will be able to set your children a good example. Be more patient.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will be able to get on well with your friends. You should try to take it a little more easily and to have slightly more rest. Also avoid eating more than is good for you. Be hopeful.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You should not be in too great a hurry but nor should you dawdle. You will meet someone very much to your liking. Do not leave what should come first until last. Be sensible.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
You will find that just a little more deliberation will help you to do things more efficiently and quicker in the end. You should not judge by surface appearances only. Try not to get into an argument about a triviality. Be a little more generous.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You should not always think of yourself alone, try to see things from other people's point of view too. No harm in taking things just a little more easily but do not let go altogether.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You will be able to get a little more of your way but should not expect to get it in all things. Listen more closely to what others are saying. Do not sacrifice accuracy for speed. Be tactful.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You will have a good opportunity but you could well not recognise until too late. That however is better than rushing into folly. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be more forgiving.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
Not everything is as easy as you would like it to be. However, if you keep your head and do not ask for too much you will be able to steer a medium course. You should not suppress your feelings nor give too vehement vent to them.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
If you are not getting anywhere you might well try another approach. You should avoid doing anything that carries a great deal of risk just now. Do not believe all you see or hear. Be careful.

SPORTS

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Bilek takes Czechoslovakia past Portugal

PRAGUE, Oct 8, (AP): Michal Bilek elevated himself to hero status when he netted two goals to give Czechoslovakia a 2-1 victory over Portugal in their World Cup Group Seven qualifier yesterday.

Bilek struck first in the 11th minute of the match by driving home a penalty for the match's first goal. Bilek picked up the ball with his right foot and delivered it safely into the left-hand corner of the net, out of reach of the outstretched fingertips of Portuguese goalie Silvino.

With the half-time score at 1-0, the Portuguese came back on the field a determined and fleet-footed side. However they were powerless to break through the solid Czechoslovak defence, which refused to open up any scoring possibilities.

A diving header by Rui Aguas 10 minutes into the second half failed to find its mark, but his second attempt 12 minutes later, which came off a rebound off the crossbar, equalized at 1-1. Jubilation from the 28,000 fans greeted

Bilek's second goal, a perfectly placed job which just cleared the crossbar and dropped neatly into the net in the 82nd minute to give the Czechoslovaks their 2-1 victory over the visitors.

The match was characterized by scrappy play by both sides, and West German referee Wolf Schmidhuber had his hands full controlling the two sides. He sent off Stanislaw Griga in the 18th minute and handed out a brace of yellow cards to Griga, Jan Kocian, Pedro Venancio, Adebiso

Nunes, Antonio Andre and Paolo Futre.

The win puts the Czechoslovaks two points ahead of Portugal and second to Belgium on the group table. The two sides have been neck and neck in the competition. They have two matches each left to play, including a rematch in Portugal on Nov 15.

Table leaders Belgium maintain their lead of 10 points to Czechoslovakia's nine, but have only one match remaining to play.

Filipino Bowling

Cabana set new record

By Sonny R. Mariano

WITH only two playing days left, the final outcome of the ongoing PBAK Inter-Commercial Bowling League is still a toss-up between League leaders National and NTC while Cabana with their record breaking feat on Friday still have a slim chance to snatch the title from the two leading teams.

The Cabana Banana Mag-nates recorded a total of 62 points this week which broke the previous high mark of 61 points. They also recorded a new record team High Game with 1062 pin-falls and the Team High Series with their 2962 pinfalls. National on the other hand collected 57 points while the NTC Traders garnered 59 big points.

The High Game for the week was submitted by Tectron's Osman with a score of 245 while Banana King Lando Marandona recorded the high series with his 628.

Results of the other matches in the men's division are as follows: (read points/remainder) Tectron 59/7; Al Rashed Freight 56/22; Penguins 56/10; Magnolia 54/17; Hempel 53/2; Phil Supreme 53/34; Trico 52/44; Pullman 50/6; 54/0; Jokers 49/31, 50/20.

In the women's division, Far East Restaurant have virtually retained the title with their victory over Trico 53-50 while Al Sara Design lead the other two teams for the first runner-up honours after defeating Canara 52-46.

Nitz Alina of Trico registered the High Game with her 224 while the High Series belongs to Amy Abdoo of Al Sara.

The following members of the All Filipino PBAK battle royal selection will have a team practice on Tuesday, October 10, at 8:00 pm at the 300 Club bowling lanes: Lando Caburao, Bada Borja, Mel Cervera, Pete Valisno Jr, Mar Evangelista, Jun Cheng, Edwin Nepomuceno, Caloy Abesamis, Jesus Ventus, Arthur Reyes, Tony Lason and Rico Pino.

The actual game against the Jordanian Community Bowling Association selection will be on October 12, Thursday, from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm also at the 300 Club.

Announcement to all PBAK officers — there will be a meeting on Sunday October 15 at Far East Restaurant at 7:00 pm. Matters to be discussed are the forthcoming PBAK KKB picnic, the third masters tournament and the rest of the scheduled PBAK activities.

Brazil name 17-man team for friendly

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct 7, (AP): Coach Sebastiao Lazaroni of the Brazilian national soccer team named a 17-player lineup yesterday for an Oct 14 exhibition game against Italy in Bologna.

Nine of the 17 named to the squad are Brazilian stars playing for European teams.

The top "European" named was striker Careca, who plays for Italy's Naples team and has been called the world's best soccer player by his teammate Diego Maradona of Argentina.

Careca will be joined by five other Brazilians playing in Italy, two in Portugal and one in Germany.

Top players convoked from Brazilian teams included goalie Taffarel, of Porto Alegre's Internacional, and defence standout Mauro Galvao of Rio's Botafogo team, last season's state champion.

But the squad named is perhaps more noted for those missing than for those called.

Mozzer, Romario, Branco, Ricardo and Valdo — the latter four starters in the World Cup elimination games and during Brazil's June triumph in the America Cup tournament, the South American championship — were not released by their European squads.

Beбето, who plays for Rio's Vasco team and led the Brazilian team in scoring during the America Cup, was not named due to a leg injury.

Gilbert blasts Arias

Agassi overwhelms Wheaton



Agassi had an easy game

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct 7, (Reuters): Top seed Brad Gilbert and second seed Andre Agassi cruised into the semifinals of the \$415,000 Orlando Tennis Classic with easy straight-set victories yesterday.

The fifth-ranked Gilbert downed unseeded Jimmy Arias 6-3 6-1, while seventh-ranked Agassi executed sweet revenge in beating David Wheaton 6-1 6-4 in another all-American quarter-final.

In today's semifinals, Agassi was to take on fifth seed Jaime Yzaga of Peru, a 6-4 4-6 6-2 survivor of a tough quarterfinal battle with third-seeded Spaniard Emilio Sanchez. Gilbert was to meet unseeded Jimmy Brown, an easy 6-4 6-0 conqueror of Puerto Rico's Miguel Nido.

Gilbert, who always seemed to come up with a winner when he needed one, was pleased with his play yesterday.

"It's always fun when you

win," said Gilbert, who is looking for his sixth tournament title of the year. "I'm hitting the ball well. I was a little more aggressive then I've been all week."

The 19-year-old Agassi, in the hunt for his first title of 1989 after collecting six last year, was determined not to fall prey to Wheaton who won their only previous meeting at Stratton Mountain earlier this year.

"I wanted to be tuned for this because when you lose to someone and play them again you have to face the reality of it you realise if they beat you, they can do it again," said Agassi, who came out swinging.

Wheaton, ranked 66th, played well, but Agassi refused to let him find his rhythm in the 28-minute first set.

Agassi and Wheaton exchanged breaks in the first two games of the second set, but the second seed broke again in the seventh game to set up his victory.

Hubara start title defence

HUBARA Cricketers made a successful start to the 1989/90 Jashanmal Friday League at the K.O.C. Grounds, Ahmad, with what turned out to be a comfortable win over CCK.

Batting first on a green looking mat, the CCK batsmen never looked confident against the pace attack of Jimmy James and Dave Boldy, although Sajid did his best to create a bit of a breeze by swinging his willow.

Rizvi was caught behind off James for 2. Next man in, Imtad, followed shortly afterwards, bowled by Boldy. Sajid was eventually evicted from the

crease, caught again off the bowling of James.

Then came a revival of CCK's fortunes as Mir and Amanullah took advantage of the change of bowling, often playing double handed forehands to the boundary. Mir hit 76 and Amanullah 24 in a partnership of 88 in only 12 overs. At 108 for 4 and 139 for 5.

Hubara looked as though the game was going to slip away. Old man Hunt and newcomer Fitzpatrick, better known as Beauty and the Beast, wrapped up the CCK tail with 3 wickets apiece, leaving Hubara chasing 149 off a full quota of 30 overs.

The Hubara innings got off to a poor start with Talbot & b Faisal for a duck. Hunt and then Chris Haseman were adjudged lbw probably on the basis that the ball had hit the pads. Jimmy James then briefly entertained the CCK bowlers as Sajid was allowed back to bowl. He had the last laugh as he castled James for 11.

Meanwhile, at the other end Shipton maintained some kind of normality hitting an unbeaten 85, carrying the team through to a comfortable 6 wicket win with over 4 overs to spare. Peter Burton made a steady debut hitting 31 before the close of play.

Rain hits Cup tennis games

TOKYO, Oct 7, (Reuters): Rain stopped all play in the semifinals of the Federation Cup women's team tennis championships today and officials said the matches had been postponed until tomorrow.

Weather forecasters predicted that a typhoon bearing Japan would have cleared the country by early tomorrow and the rain would stop.

But officials at the courts near Tokyo Bay said tomorrow's play would be moved indoors if necessary.

The top-seeded United States team is slated to meet Czechoslovakian third seeds while unseeded Australia will do battle with Spain, seeded second.



Fignon seen taking a breathing test prior to the 1989 Tour de France. (Reuters wirephoto).

Fignon tests positive

PARIS, Oct 7, (AP): Laurent Fignon, the French cycling star who won the 1983 and 1984 Tours de France, tested positive for a banned stimulant after a race in the Netherlands, the French federation of cycling said yesterday.

But contrary to reports, Fignon says he asked for a second opinion and never got a satisfactory answer.

The Dutch newspaper Haagsche Courant reported yesterday that a doping test following the Sept 17 Grand Prix de la Liberation in the southern Dutch city of Eindhoven revealed that Fignon had used amphetamines, an illegal class of stimulants.

Fignon's team, Super U, finished second in the race.

The Haagsche Courant said Fignon, who finished second in this year's Tour de France only eight seconds behind US cyclist Greg Lemond, had declined to ask for a second test, which he was entitled to under international rules.

In Paris, Francois Alaphilippe, president of the French Cycling Federation, confirmed in a statement yesterday that Fignon had tested positive for doping after the event.

Alaphilippe said the Dutch Royal Cycling Federation had learned several days ago that Fignon tested positive.

"Fignon was informed in time to permit a second test," Alaphilippe said. "He made it known he wouldn't ask for one. We can interpret the fact that Laurent Fignon refused a second test in different ways. Maybe he objected to the control procedure."

But Fignon, in a statement released in Paris by his team, said that he had indeed sought a second opinion.

"In fact, I asked that it be done by another laboratory than the one that did the first test," the statement quoted Fignon. "It is in effect abnormal for two analyses to be done by the same laboratory that did the first test. My request was not satisfied," Fignon said.

"Consequently I asked that the federation keep, at the disposal of the courts, the second sample for a counter-examination," Fignon said.

Azinger equals record

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct 7, (Reuters): Paul Azinger equalled the course record with an eight-under-par 62 yesterday to grab a three-stroke second round lead at the \$600,000 Texas Open tournament.

Azinger's 14-under-par 36-hole total of 126 put him three strokes clear of Donnie Hammond, who was alone in second place after a six-under 64 on the 6,576-yard course.

A group of seven golfers including first round co-leaders Mark Wiebe and Lanny Wadkins were tied for third place at 10-under-par 130. Also at 130 were Bob Lohr, Duffy Waldorf, Loren Roberts, Steve Pate and Don Pooley.

Tom Sieckmann, who also owned a piece of the lead after 18 holes, was another stroke back with Hale Irwin at 131.

Wadkins had brought his total to 13-under, but two bogeys and a double bogey on the back nine dropped him into third.

Azinger, who did not commit to this event until three hours prior to the deadline, said he finally decided to play the tournament because, "the fish stopped biting at home."

He also said: "I really love this course and I missed the cut at Bank of Boston then played the Ryder Cup so I haven't made a move on the money list for six weeks."

Azinger, who finished 3-1 at the Ryder Cup including a dramatic victory over Seve Ballesteros, starting on the back nine with a birdie on the 10th hole.

Ozaki ahead

NAGOYA, Japan, Oct 7, (Reuters): Japan's Masahi "Jumbo" Ozaki stepped up his defence of the Japan Open golf title by firing a three-under-par 67 to extend his lead to three strokes after the third round of the 60 million yen (\$430,000) tournament today.

Ozaki, who led by one shot overnight, birdied six holes and bogeyed three others on the 6,473-yard Wago course for a nine-under total of 201.

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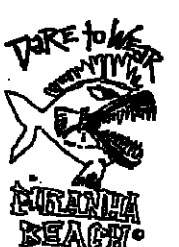
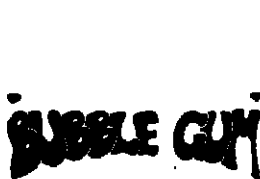
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Maradona denies

NAPLES, Italy, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Diego Maradona has denied he is considering leaving Napoli despite suggestions in midweek the possibility of a future transfer of Maradona from France. "I don't think I'll be leaving Napoli at the end of this season," Maradona told the Italian sports daily Corriere dello Sport in an interview published today. "I want to stay until this whole matter is cleared up. Then I'll talk to the Napoli president (Corrado Ferlaino)," he added.

Lendl triumphs

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 7. (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl overcame early service breaks in each set to beat Argentine Alberto Mancini 6-2, 6-3 and reach the final of the \$350,000 Stuttgart Classic men's tennis tournament yesterday.

Doping rules

SOFIA, Oct. 7. (Reuters): The number of drug testing laboratories in Europe should be increased from 11 to 22, representatives of 26 European national and state sports organisations recommended yesterday.

Player ahead

CLEMMONS, North Carolina, Oct. 7. (AP): Gary Player had the course record — his own course record set in another decade on another tour — in mind and in sight. "I knew what it was, and I was thinking about it," he said after establishing a two-shot lead yesterday in the first round of the RJR Championship.

Queensland Open

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct. 7. (AP): Sweden's Niclas Kroon and Australian Mark Woodforde reached the championship match of the 180,000 Queensland Open tennis championships with semifinal victories today.

Cup qualifier

GUATEMALA CITY, Oct. 7. (UPI): The US national soccer team will be without three key players for its critical World Cup qualifying game tomorrow against Guatemala. Hugo Perez, a mainstay in midfield, tore a thigh muscle last week while playing in a French league game and is expected to be sidelined about six weeks.

Stolz injured

FELDKIRCH, Austria, Oct. 7. (UPI): Austrian Olympic skier Hubert Stolz will be out of action for up to 14 days after suffering knee injuries during training sessions, his doctor said.

W. German soccer

BONN, Oct. 7. (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results yesterday. Waldhof 4 Borussia 2. Cologne 1. Homburg 0. Karlsruhe 2. Dusseldorf 2. Kaiserslautern 0. Bayern Munich 0. Bayern Gerdlingen 0. B. Leverkusen 2. VfG Stuttgart 0. St. Pauli 1. Bochum 0. Werder Bremen 0. Eintracht 0. Borussia D. 2.

Lendl wins

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 7. (AP): Ivan Lendl, the world's top ranked men's player, overcame a troublesome first serve and beat Olympic champion Miroslav Mecir, a fellow Czech, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, in the final of the \$350,000 Stuttgart Classic tennis tournament today.

Miandad may not play in Cup

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Pakistan vice-captain Javed Miandad has a back strain and is doubtful for the three-nation Sharjah Cup one-day cricket tournament starting in Dubai on October 12.

In spite of the problem, Miandad was named in the squad today along with newcomers Sohail Fazal and Shahid Saeed, both all-rounders, and pace bowler Waqar Younis.

Squad: Rameez Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmed, Javed Miandad, Sohail Fazal, Shahid Saeed, Salim Younis, Abdul Qadir, Mushtaq Ahmad, Inam Khan (captain), Aaqib Javed, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis.

On standby for the Sharjah Cup and subsequent Nehru Cup in India are: Amir Malik, Salim Jaffer, Mansoor Rana, Akram Raza and Aamer Hanif.

Jansher beats Dittmar to regain world title

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 7. (Reuters): Pakistani Jansher Khan fought back from two games down to recapture his World Open squash title with a 10-15, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-10 victory in the final over Australia's Chris Dittmar.

Left-hander Dittmar had taken 111 minutes to beat defending champion Jahangir

Khan of Pakistan in yesterday's semifinals, and the strain of that encounter ultimately took its toll in the drawn-out battle with second seed Jansher.

Dittmar raced ahead with aggressive squash to take the first two games, winning the second in 14 minutes, but the third seed was too tired to make a contest of the third

game and played the fourth without too much vigour.

The Australian opened a 6-0 lead in the deciding game and resisted Jansher's fight-back until the scores were 9-9. But then Dittmar's stamina expired and the Pakistani completed his win.

Jansher, who also beat Dittmar in the

1987 final in Birmingham, England, said he had far from given up hope when he trailed 6-0 in the deciding.

"Having beaten him in the Singapore Open and Hong Kong Open, I had confidence and I hung on because I knew Dittmar was very tired and that he would crack at any minute," Jansher said.

Sheffield United edge Wolves

Robson gets another injury scare

LONDON, Oct. 7. (AP): Full-back Wilf Roston and midfielder John Gannon scored on either side of halftime today to help Sheffield United to a 2-1 victory at Wolverhampton and strengthen its position atop the Second Division of the English Soccer League.

Sheffield United and Blackburn remained the only undefeated teams in the Second Division, but Blackburn slipped two notches to fourth place because its game against Middlesbrough was postponed.

The Second Division was in the spotlight today since the First Division in England and the Scottish Premier Division had the afternoon off as the English and Scottish teams prepared for World Cup qualifying matches.

England plays its final Group 2 qualifier Wednesday at Poland, needing just a point to clinch a spot in the 1990 World Cup finals. Scotland also can secure a place in the finals when it plays Wednesday at France in a Group 3 qualifier.

Sheffield United fell behind at Wolverhampton on a 16th-minute goal by English international striker Steve Bull, his eighth of the season, but the Blades rallied with a pair of goals helped by Wolverhampton mistakes.

United tied the score in the 39th minute when Roston, on loan from Sheffield Wednesday,



Steve McMahon

seemed to surprise goalie Mark Kendall with a 20-metre (20-yard) shot.

The Blades took the lead five minutes into the second half of a cold, wet, windy day when Wolverhampton failed to clear the ball and Gannon drilled in a low shot from 18 metres (18 yards).

The victory moved Sheffield United up to 22 points from 10 matches, giving it a lead of three points over Sunderland — which got a pair of Eric Gates goals and one by Marco Gabbiadini to rally for a 3-2 home victory over Bournemouth.

Meanwhile, Steve Hodge gave England soccer manager Bobby Robson another World Cup injury scare today when he pulled up in training with a hamstring strain.

An anxious Robson immediately sent the Nottingham Forest midfielder back to England's hotel for treatment from physiotherapist Fred Street as his injury list mounted to six players.

"Steve complained about a sore and tight hamstring so I pulled him off immediately and sent him for treatment," explained Robson.

Hodge has not added to his 16 caps since England beat Denmark over a year ago, but yesterday's withdrawal of injured winger John Barnes means he would have expected to be on the substitutes' bench in Katowice.

Chris Waddle and Hodge are

the only naturally left-sided mid-field players in the squad. Emphasising Hodge's value, Robson said: "With Barnes dropping out Hodge would be useful if we lost another wide player, particularly Waddle. Hodge would be next in line."

"Now it is important that our wide players, Waddle and David Rocastle are sensible in training. We must approach training with a bit of intelligence to minimise the risk of injuries."

Robson does not intend adding to his squad even if Hodge should be ruled out and at least had the consolation of seeing the five other players affected by minor knocks train today.

"Steve McMahon (ankle) and Gary Lincker (knee) completed half the training session at England's Bisham Abbey headquarters, but Tony Adams, Gary Stevens and Paul Gascoigne had all improved sufficiently to complete the session."

"I am quite happy about the situation with McMahon and Lincker as there are still several days to go," said Robson. The England manager is particularly pleased with the form of captain Bryan Robson.

Results

English Division Two
Blackburn 2 West Bromwich 0
Bradford 2 Brighton 0

Hull	2	Swindon	3
Ipswich	1	Newcastle	1
Oldham	2	Barnsley	1
Oxford	2	Portsmouth	1
Plymouth	3	Stoke	0
Port Vale	3	Leicester	1
Sunderland	0	Bournemouth	1
Watford	0	West Brom	1
West Ham	0	Leeds	1
Wolveshampton	1	Sheff U	2

Bolton	1	Wigan	2
Brentford	2	Bristol City	2
Bristol R	2	Fulham	4
Chaset	1	Bury	1
Huddersfield	1	Cardiff	1
Northampton	3	Preston	3
Rotherham	5	Birmingham	1
Shrewsbury	0	Mansfield	1
Swansea	3	Crewe	2
Walsall	0	Nottingham	0
Blackpool	0	Reading	0
Tranmere	3	Leyton O	0

Aldershot	4	Colchester	0
Carlisle	1	Wrexham	0
Chesham	1	Lincoln	0
Grimsby	1	Rochdale	0
Hartlepool	3	Southport	0
Maidstone	1	Barnley	0
Peterborough	1	Exeter	0
Scarbrough	1	Scarborough	0
Stockport	2	Hereford	0
Torquay	2	Doncaster	0
York	4	Cambridge	0
Halifax	0	Gillingham	1

Albion	0	Forfar	2
Ayr	2	Raith	0
Clydebank	2	Airdrieonians	3
Meadowbank	2	Hamilton	2
Partick	2	Clyde	0
St. Johnstone	1	Falkirk	0
Stirling	1	Morton	1

Arbroath	2	Dumbarton	1
Cowdenbeath	1	Brechin	1
East Fife	1	Queen of S.	1
E. Stirling	3	Berwick	1
Montrose	0	Kilmarnock	0
Queen of S.	0	Stranraer	0
Stirling	1	Stirling	1

Standings

British soccer tables after matches played today (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points)

English Division Two

Sheffield	10	6	4	0	20	10	22
Sunderland	10	5	4	1	19	12	19
Leeds	10	5	4	1	15	10	19
Blackburn	9	4	5	0	17	8	17
Newcastle	10	5	2	3	18	13	17
Oldham	10	5	2	3	15	12	17
Plymouth	10	5	1	4	16	12	16
Brighton	10	5	0	5	17	14	15
West Brom	10	4	3	3	17	15	15
West Ham	10	4	3	3	12	15	15
Bournemouth	10	4	2	4	18	14	14
Watford	10	4	2	4	9	12	14
Ipswich	10	3	4	3	16	13	13
Swindon	10	3	4	3	13	12	13
Wolves	10	3	3	4	18	12	12
Oxford	10	3	3	4	15	17	12
Barnsley	10	3	3	4	11	17	12
Middlesbrough	9	3	2	5	14	15	11
Bradford	10	2	5	3	11	12	11
Port Vale	10	2	5	3	8	10	11
Stoke	10	0	7	3	9	14	7
Portsmouth	10	1	3	6	7	16	6
Hull	10	0	5	5	12	18	5
Leicester	10	1	2	7	9	18	5

English Division Three

Tranmere	9	7	0	2	24	6	21
Bristol R	9	6	2	1	11	3	20
Bury	9	5	3	1	17	10	18
Rotherham	9	5	2	2	20	9	17
Bristol City	9	5	2	2	11	10	17
Bolton	9	4	3	2	11	8	15
Fulham	9	4	3	2	9	6	15
Birmingham	9	5	0	4	13	12	15
Huddersfield	9	4	2	3	13	13	14
Shrewsbury	9	4	2	3	15	11	14
Nottingham	9	3	4	2	10	13	13
Reading	9	2	6	1	12	7	12
Walsall	9	3	3	3	10	12	12
Northampton	9	3	3	3	10	11	12
Blackpool	9	3	3	3	9	10	11
Preston	9	3	1	5	18	10	10
Mansfield	8	3	1	4	5	9	10
Leyton O	9	2	5	2	10	15	9
Brentford	9	2	2	5	9	12	8
Crewe	9	2	2	5	13	17	8
Swansea	8	2	2	4	7	15	8
Chaset	9	1	5	3	9	21	6
Cardiff	9	1	2	6	8	21	5
Wigan	9	0	4	5	7	16	4

English Division Four

Southend	9	7	1	1	18	8	22
Lincoln	9	6	2	1	10	3	20
Carlisle	9	5	4	0	15	8	19
Stockport	9	5	3	1	17	8	18
Burnley	9	5	3	1	10	5	18
Exeter	9	5	1	3	18	16	16
Hereford	9	4	3	2	10	8	15
York	9	4	3	2	10	8	15
Chesham	9	4	2	3	12	14	14
Aldershot	9	4	2	3	12	14	14
Peterborough	9	4	2	3	10	13	13
Gillingham	9	4	2	3	14	10	13
Halifax	9	3	3	3	17	16	13
Grimsby	9	3	2	4	15	11	11
Rochdale	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Scarbrough	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Wrexham	9	3	1	5	15	10	10
Colchester	9	2	5	2	9	11	8
Scarbrough	9	1	5	3	11	6	8
Doncaster	9	2	1	6	9	11	7
Maidstone	9	2	1	6	5	14	7
Torquay	9	1	6	2	5	14	7
Cambridge	9	1	5	3	9	14	6
Hartlepool	9	1	2	6	6	28	5

Scottish Division One

St. Johnstone	10	8	2	0	21	7	18
Partick	10	7	3	0	22	7	17
Airdrie	10	6	2	2	16	8	14
Raith	10	5	1	4	12	11	10
Alloa	10	4	1	5	13	10	10
Hamilton	10	4	1	5	13	10	10
Clydebank	10	3	3	4	18	18	9
Falkirk	10	2	4	4	14	13	8
Ayr	10	2	4	4	12	16	8
Clyde	10	2	4	4	11	15	8
Meadowbank	10	2	4	4	11	15	8
Morton	10	2	4	4	11	15	8
Forfar	10	1	5	4	11	17	7
Albion	10	1	5	4	11	17	7

Scottish Division Two

Kilmarnock	9	5	2	2	10	4	12
Arbroath	9	3	6	0	17	14	12
East Fife	9	3	5	1	15	11	11
Queen's Park	9	4	3	2	15	11	11
Brechin	9	4	2	3	15	11	11
Stranraer	9	4	2	3	15	10	10
Dumbarton	9	4	2	3	20	10	10
Stenhousemuir	9	3	5	1	13	10	10
Stirling	9	3	3	3	15	13	9
Berwick	9	3	2	4	15	18	8
Montrose	9	2	3	4	9	10	7
Queen of S.	9	1	5	3	7	13	5
East Stirling	9	1	3	5	10	17	5

Richards confident of success

ST. JOHNS, Antigua, Oct. 7. (Reuters): West Indies captain Viv Richards, his appetite for cricket renewed by a break from the sport, is confident his team will win the forthcoming Sharjah and Nehru Cup one-day tournaments.

"We have picked a side geared to the one-day competition and with the blend of youth and experience we should come out on top," said Richards, who was leaving today for Sharjah, the first leg of the trip.

Richards, who did not start his two-year contract with English county Glamorgan last season because of a nagging medical problem, used the time to recuperate in Antigua.